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Declaration was signed and adopted by all members; they also oppose 'unilateral coercive measures, including those of an economic nature'

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh
TIANJIN

The 10-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation on Monday "strongly condemned" terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the Pahalgam attack and the attacks on Jaffar Express and Khuzdar in Pakistan.

The Tianjin Declaration, signed and adopted by all members, including India, Pakistan, and Russia, called for an end to "cross-border movement" of terrorists. The declaration reaffirmed the bloc's "firm commitment to fight against terrorism, separatism, and extremism", and stressed the inadmissibility of attempts to use terrorist, separatist, and extremist groups for "mercenary purposes".

The member states also opposed "unilateral coercive measures, including those of an economic nature", that contravene the United Nations charter and principles of the World Trade Organization, in a possible reference to the U.S. tariffs.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, who chaired the meeting of the heads of the member states, in his opening remarks, criticised the "bullying behaviour" in the world order and called upon leaders to "adhere to fairness and justice" while opposing "cold war mentality".

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Tianjin on Monday. ANI

Oppose terrorism: PM at SCO summit

TIANJIN
Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked whether "open support" of terrorism by some countries was acceptable, as he spoke at the summit meet of the heads of state of the SCO on Monday. "We must jointly oppose terrorism in all its forms and colours," he said. » PAGE 13

Modi touts peace as he meets Putin

TIANJIN
Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday and stressed the need for a ceasefire in Ukraine. "Had an excellent meeting with President Putin... Discussed ways to deepen bilateral cooperation in all sectors," he said. » PAGE 13

BBMP likely to wind down today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, formed in 2007, is expected to cease to exist on Tuesday, as the State government is likely to issue the final notification of the five corporations that will replace it.

BBMP was formed during the JD(S)-BJP tenure in 2007, expanding the civic limits of the earlier BMP from 225 sq km to 709 sq km. BBMP saw two elected councils and has been under administrator rule for five years now. The existing 198 wards will continue to function as it is until a Delimitation Commission will carve out new wards in the five corporations, likely to be over 400.

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Devastating disaster: Civil defence workers, local people, and soldiers helping the injured in earthquake-hit Afghanistan. AP

Earthquake kills over 800 in Afghanistan

Agence France-Presse
NURGAL

A strong earthquake and multiple aftershocks collapsed homes onto sleeping families in a remote, mountainous region in Afghanistan on Monday, killing more than 800 people and injuring at least 2,800.

A massive rescue operation is under way, according to the Taliban authorities. The 6.0-magnitude earthquake struck just before midnight, rattling buildings from Kabul to neighbouring Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. The epicentre was about 27 km off Jalalabad, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

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Will accept SIR claims until last date of nominations: EC

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Even as the deadline for filing claims and objections to the draft electoral rolls of Bihar ended on Monday, the Election Commission said that as per the June 24 special intensive revision (SIR) order, applications would still be accepted till the last date of nominations before the Assembly election.

Separate additions

However, these claims, if accepted, would not make it to the final list to be out on September 30, but would be addressed as separate additions later.

Earlier, in the Supreme Court, which heard pleas for extending the deadline to file claims and objections in the SIR process, the EC submitted it would accept revision forms even after the deadline, and these would be integrated into the final list.

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I am not here to prove myself to anybody, the Worlds will be proof of my ability

The National record-holder talks about his desire to push the limits and extend boundaries, his struggles and future plans

INTERVIEW

PRAVEEN CHITHRAVEL

K. Keerthivasan

Praveen Chithravel has been the undisputed *numero uno* in men's triple jump in the country for a while.

The 24-year-old National record-holder (17.37m) from Tiruvarur district of Tamil Nadu is eagerly looking forward to the World championships to be held in Tokyo from September 13 to 21.

In his third Worlds (outdoor) appearance, Praveen doesn't have any expectations except to push himself to the extreme. "I want to go out and do my best. That's been my philosophy and certainly I am not here to prove myself to anybody, the Worlds will be proof of my ability," he said in an interview to *The Hindu*. *Excerpts:*

How happy you are to have qualified for the World championships?

This is my third consecutive Worlds. In previous two occasions, I qualified through entry standard. I made it to the 2025 Tokyo Worlds with a jump of 17.37 at the Federation Cup in Kochi, one that equalled my National record. I made it directly to the last edition in Budapest in 2023 by leaping a distance of 17.37m, which was a National record, in Cuba.

Again, I qualified for the 2022 Oregon Worlds with a jump of 17.17m. And, in the Road to Tokyo World championships rankings, I am ranked No.11 in the world, which makes me happy. I am very positive going into the World championships.

How are you going to use your previous experience in the Tokyo Worlds?

Yes, I have a lot of experience in the World championships. I don't have to think. I just have to go and jump. If I think, I will face a lot of problems. If I don't think, everything will happen automatically. Actually, it's my fourth Worlds if you take into account the World Indoors that I took part last year.

What are your expectations from the Worlds given that in the field of 36, many of them are top class?

I am now used to the pressure. I am tired of the term 'pressure'. The season has been better than last season. Definitely, I will do something. I am not looking at anything. I want to go out and do my best.

That's my philosophy and certainly I am not going to prove myself to anybody. The Worlds will be proof of my ability.

In the recent National inter-state meet held in Chennai (it was a qualifying event for the Tokyo Worlds), you said you will be making a jump for your friends and relatives whom you had invited from all over the State. You finished third in Chennai...

In Chennai at the Inter-state meet, for my triple jump event, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu had given a holiday to sports hostels just to watch my event.

I was very happy and wanted to do my best. But because of the rain, I couldn't do much and finished third. I was happy. I went home to Thanjavur, saw my niece for two days. I felt very happy and confident.

Any specifics you are looking at during training prior to the Tokyo Worlds?

I am focusing on speed and converting my jumps and carry. Training has been good so far.

You are one of the oldest trainees at the Inspire Institute of Sports in Vijayanagar, Karnataka? How has it been?

I have been in IIS for seven years and consider it my home. Everyone from housekeeping to the management knows me. It's like my family.

It seems you are interested in long jump and want to give it a try?

Yes. Next year, I plan to do more long jump events. This year, I jumped 7.86m in Spain, which is my personal best. I just want to try. I need to fight and find out how good I am. I think I have the power and technique to excel in long jump.

What are your memorable championships?

Since I train abroad with a lot of top jumpers, I still feel that I have a lot to achieve. An Asian championship silver medal in Gumi in 2025 or a bronze medal in Asian Games in 2023 is nothing when compared to their achievements. I want to better my performance. You will see my best in the future.

Your father was a daily wage labourer. How difficult it was growing up?

By any stretch of imagination, it wasn't easy. I ensured my sister continued her education and then got her married. My brother has finished his Physical Education course. I take care of myself and my family.

You still hold the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games close to your heart where you missed the medal by a whisker?

Yes. Absolutely, In the 2022 CWG, I missed the bronze by 2-3cms. I cannot forget it. I have 2026 CWG as my wallpaper. In the 2022-23 season, I was consistent in my jumps and people thought I would win the gold in Birmingham, but I ended up in the fourth place.

I am waiting for the 2026 CWG. The pain of missing the medal in the 2022 CWG is still in my heart. At the same time, the 2022 CWG will remain memorable. Actually, the key to my career was 2022 CWG. Everything ended and started there. In fact, a few days after the CWG in 2022, I took rest and returned stronger to the Asian Indoors in Astana, Kazakhstan, in 2023 where I did 16.98m (silver) which turned out to be a national record.

Then, at the Indian Open jumps Nationals in March in Bellary, Karnataka, I did 17.17m to win gold and qualify for the Asian Games. Then in Cuba, I created National record (17.37m) in 2023. Then I got a quadricep injury. Because of the injury, I couldn't take part in the Diamond League despite getting an entry. My best is yet to come.

Personally, equalling the National record in Federation Cup in Kochi this year was great.

I still have a lot to achieve. Winning a bronze medal at the Youth Olympics in 2018 remains a milestone. In the 2023 National Inter-State in Bhubaneswar, I did 17.07m and then went on to win a bronze in the Games with a jump of 16.68m. Winning a medal in the Asian Games is always special.

Tell us about your early coaches?

Indra Suresh was my early coach, who changed me to triple jump. She has produced many National athletes including quartermilers Shuba Venkatesan and T. K. Vishal among others. When I was 15 years, I turned to triple jump.

Who has been your inspiration in athletics?

Christian Taylor has been my inspiration. He is a two-time Olympic champion and multiple World champion in triple jump. I have trained with him at the 2022 Oregon Worlds. He is the best man in triple jump. And in India, it's Neeraj Chopra. More than being a champion javelin thrower, it's Neeraj's character off the field that has attracted me. He has spoken to me personally on how to handle pressure. I want to emulate Neeraj.

According to you, how has the triple jump evolved?

Triple jump is a technical event. You get better only with experience. Unless, you are mentally and physically fit, you cannot survive in triple jump.

What's your dream for triple jump?

When people ask after his retirement, 'what has Praveen done', I should say, 'I have done quite a bit.' When athletes from difficult economic background ask me for spikes, I give them.

Now, I have a bought a land near my house in Thiruvarur, which I will likely use as a 300m track for training athletes. Coaching is not in my mind. But I will seek the help of experts and help athletes to shine.

What are your other interests?

I have written quite a few love poems. I am waiting to get it tuned by some of my friends.

FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Three-tier governance structure ushers in a new era in Bengaluru

The formation of five corporations replacing the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is expected to be notified today

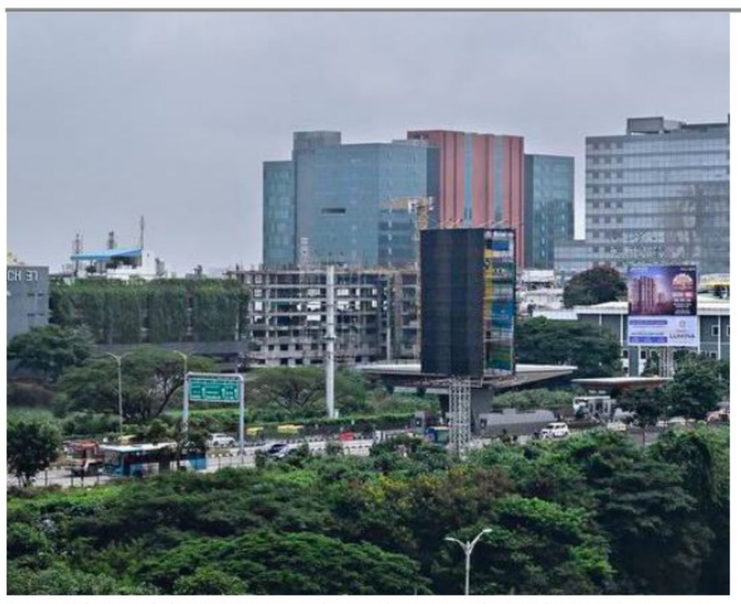
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, that has already come into effect is gradually being implemented. While the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has already been constituted, the last step - the formation of five corporations replacing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) - is expected to be notified on Tuesday.

The GBG Act, 2024 will bring in a three-tier structure to governance in Bengaluru with the Chief Minister-led GBA at the pan city level, which, for the first time, brings together all parastatals in the city on one platform along with five city corporations and ward committees.

GBG Act, 2024 has retained certain provisions of the BBMP Act, 2020 which are criticised as perpetuating the stranglehold of MLAs on city governance and councillors over ward committees. The law provides for a coordination committee headed by the MLA at the Assembly constituency level, which, though has only advisory powers, brings together councillors, officers of all agencies and gives the committee powers to oversee the implementation of projects and select beneficiaries of welfare schemes.

Meanwhile, the ward committee of 15, is led by the councillor, has seven members nominated by the corporation, giving them a majority. Over and above this, the councillor has been given a veto power over any decision.



An aerial view of Electronics City in the southern part of Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

WARD COMMITTEES

- Each ward of the multiple corporations will have a ward committee chaired by the respective councillor and will have 14 other members
- Seven of the 14 members to be nominated by the corporation, must include one OBC and one from the minority community
- Break-up of other seven members: at least two members from SCs/ STs, at least three women members and at least two members representing RWAs
- These seven members shall be selected by random draw of lots from among the eligible applicants seeking to become the ward committee members.
- Commissioner of the respective zone will appoint an officer as secretary for each ward committee
- Ward committee shall meet at least once a month

Decisions taken by simple majority. Chairperson, that is the councillor, has veto power on any decision

- Recommendations of the ward committee shall be advisory in nature

Three-tier governance structure in Bengaluru

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY

- Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) - chaired by the Chief Minister and co-chaired by Bengaluru Development Minister will have 75 members
- For the first time brings all parastatals together on one platform - has chiefs of BDA, BMRDA, BMRCL, BMLTA, DULT, BMTC, BWSSB, Bescom, Bengaluru City Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and DC Bengaluru (Urban) as members
- Has all MLAs, MPs, including those of the Rajya Sabha, and MLCs with vote in Bengaluru as members
- Mayors and Commissioners of five municipal Corporations of GBA area

GBA to meet at least once in three months

FIVE CITY CORPORATIONS

Budget: Chairman of Standing Committee for Revenue and Finance to present the annual budget, corporations will have full autonomy over the revenue it generates

Bengaluru North City Corporation
Bengaluru Central City Corporation
Bengaluru East City Corporation
Bengaluru West City Corporation
Bengaluru South City Corporation

Administrative set-up at the corporations

GBA administrative set up

Chief Commissioner

Special Commissioner (Finance); Special Commissioner (Administration, Revenue and IT); Special Commissioner (Health, and Education); Special Commissioner (Climate Action Cell, Elections, Disaster Management, Public Relation and Coordination); Chief Town Planner; Chief Engineer

Will have a Mayor and Deputy Mayor - who will have a term of 30 months

Commissioner, Additional Commissioner (Development), Additional Commissioner (Revenue) and Zonal Joint Commissioners

Standing committees: Each committee to have a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 15 councillors

- Standing Committee for Administration, Education and Social Justice
- Standing Committee for Revenue and Finance
- Standing Committee for Public Works and Engineering
- Standing Committee for public health and disaster management
- Standing Committee for Forest, Environment, Ecology, Lakes, Horticulture and Fisheries Standing Committee for Infrastructure
- Standing Committee for Audit and Accounts

Functions

- Prepare a ward development scheme for allotment of funds
- Call an annual general meeting of the ward sabha consisting of all persons registered as voters in the ward for providing inputs for the formulation of the annual ward development plan
- Prepare and submit annual ward development plan in the form of a priority list specifying the projects and schemes proposed to be implemented in the following financial year for allotment of funds
- Ensure proper utilisation of funds allotted under ward development scheme in the ward
- Invite applications for the selection of beneficiaries for welfare schemes
- Ensure timely collection of taxes, maintenance of water supply and sewerage lines, solid waste management and sanitation work, street lighting, parks, open spaces, greening of area, afforestation, and implementation of rain water harvesting schemes, assist in functioning of primary health centres and the schools of the corporation

Functions of GBA

- **Administration:** Integrating and supervising the activities of all parastatals; GBA will also exercise administrative functions and powers on the administration of the City Corporations
- **Planning:** GBA will be the planning authority for the Greater Bengaluru Area
- **Projects:** Formulation and execution of the major projects in the Greater Bengaluru Area
- **Budget and Annual Report:** GBA will present an annual Budget to the State government, an annual report of its activities shall be tabled in both houses of the state legislature

Other bodies

- **Executive Committee of GBA:** Led by Bengaluru Development Minister, GBA Commissioner as Member-Secretary and has all heads of city's parastatals as members - shall meet at least once in two months
- **Economic Development Agency**
- **Climate Action Cell**
- **Sectoral Expert Committees** - Urban, Regional and Town Planning; Infrastructure and Transportation; Environment and Climate Change; Social Inclusion, Education, Health and Welfare; Science and Technology; Information, Education and Communication.

BBMP serves notices on 2.75 lakh property tax defaulters

Property tax

- Properties which have not paid tax
- Unpaid property tax and dues (in ₹crore)

Zone		
Mahadevapura	65,040	197.90
South	25,162	116.81
East	37,574	115.30
Bommanahalli	45,293	107.26
Yelahanka	28,022	80.61
West	25,321	75.28
R.R. Nagar	38,358	64.84
Dasarahalli	11,172	28.82
Total	2,75,942	786.86

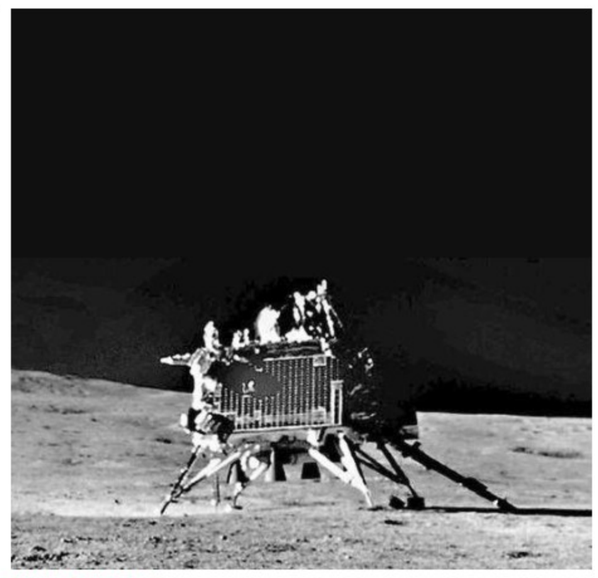
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the eve of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) winding down, the civic body on Monday issued notices to 2.75 lakh properties who have not paid tax dues for several years. The demand notices sent electronically on Monday amount to ₹786.86 crore.

Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), BBMP said these tax defaulters can pay their dues online, failing which the civic body will take measures to auction their movable and immovable properties to recover the dues.

Meanwhile, tax defaulters who have got a notice can also appeal against the notice online at https://BBMPeNyaya.karnataka-.gov.in, BBMP said in a statement.

With five corporations set to come into existence on Tuesday, these tax dues will likely be distributed among the corporations based on the area in which these properties are, sources said.



Lunar lessons: The opportunity will allow researchers to analyse data from the Chandrayaan-3 lander and rover. ISRO/ANI

ISRO calls for proposals to study Chandrayaan-3 data

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Monday issued an Announcement of Opportunity (AO) for scientific analysis and utilisation of data from all experiments of Chandrayaan-3 lander and rover.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission achieved historic soft-landing in the southern high latitudes of the moon on August 23, 2023, making India the first nation to touch down on the polar region of the moon.

"To enhance the science outcome of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, ISRO seeks proposals from the national scientific community (outside ISRO/Department of Space) through this AO, towards scientific analysis and utilisation of data from all experiments of Chandrayaan-3 lander and rover," the ISRO said.

The AO is open to all faculty and researchers from recognised academia, research institutions, universities, colleges and government organisations of India. ISRO said that proposals could be submitted by individuals or a group of scientists and academicians from universities, colleges, national institutions, outside ISRO/Department of Space.

"Only those having a minimum remaining service of four years before superannuation are eligible to lead the project as Principal Investigator (PI). There could be multiple Co-PIs in the proposal, however, PI will be the focal point for all communications related to the proposal. The proposals must be forwarded through the head of the institutions, with appropriate assurance for providing," the ISRO said.

It further said that all the proposals will be evaluated by a suitable review committee and the deadline for submission of proposals is October 21, 2025.

The space agency said that the project shall be completed within three years.

"Based on science deliverables and recommendations by the review committee, the project may be extended for one more year. Annual progress of all the projects will be reviewed by ISRO and comments will be provided for improving the project activities," the space agency said.

Health is wealth

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar distributing smart cards under Annapoorna Yojana to Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board workers, in Bengaluru on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Chikkamagaluru hill stations abuzz with tourists

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

As many as 377 tourist vehicles visited the hill stations in Chikkamagaluru on Monday, the first day since the new system to get entry passes was launched by the district administration.

The tourists from different parts of the State, who had obtained entry passes after paying a fixed fee online, visited the hill stations.

The district administration introduced the online booking system, with effect from Monday, to avoid traffic congestion on the narrow lanes that lead to Mullayyanagiri, Seethalayyanagiri, Bababudangiri, and other hill stations in Chikkamagaluru taluk.

A maximum of 1,200 vehicles, in two slots, are allowed to visit the place. Lohith, Assistant Director of the Tourism Department in Chikkamagaluru, told *The Hindu* that the staff at the checkpost allowed only those who had booked online.

The tourists are making bookings for the coming days.

Chemists' body seeks uniform 7% GST on medicines

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Seeking rational GST reforms in pharmaceuticals, the Bangalore District Chemists and Druggists Association (BDCDA) has written to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman calling for uniform 7% GST on Maximum retail Price (MRP) of medicines.

For transparency

"A levy of 7% GST on MRP will be a reform for transparency, fair trade and national public health. Currently, GST on medicines is levied on the discounted transaction value, creating scope for manipulation. Artificial discounts as high as 80% to 90% are routinely offered, misleading patients and depriving the exchequer of legitimate revenue. Ethical chemists face unfair competition from such practices, while the sanctity of MRP is reduced to a 'Manipulated Retail Price.' A uniform 7% GST on printed MRP will eliminate this distortion, restore fairness, and simplify compliance," stated the letter.

"Medicines, including life-saving drugs, antibiotics, injectable, anti-cancer drugs, and surgical products/syringes, lie outside the purview of Drug Price Control Order. This has allowed manufacturers to inflate MRPs by 400% to 599%, only to sustain the illusion of discounts. GST levied on discounted values hides this profiteering, creating a double blow - inflated MRPs for patients and tax losses for the government. By levying GST directly on MRP, manufacturers will be compelled to print realistic MRPs, dismantling the cycle of artificial inflation," the letter stated.

A GST-on-MRP regime removes the incentive for falsified MRPs, strengthens supply chain integrity, and curbs counterfeit infiltration. Further, it will curtail profitability, bring it under compliance, and ensure patients receive medicines through transparent and accountable trade practice, said the letter.

Generics

"Generics projected as 'low-cost medicines', often carry margins exceeding 1,000%, with fake discounts masking profiteering and shrinking GST collections as taxes are applied on manipulated transaction values. Enforcing GST on MRP will dismantle this cycle of exploitation, and compel realistic pricing, and ensure that affordability is genuine. The present GST system divides medicines into slabs of 0%, 5%, 12%, and 18%. Here 0% covers 4% of medicines, 5% covers 9% of medicines, 12% covers 82% of medicines and 18% covers 5% of medicines. Therefore, our request is to reduce the 12% slab to 7% on MRP of medicines and increase the 5% slab to 7% on MRP of medicines. There is a need to abolish multiple slabs and bring a uniform 7% GST on MRP on all medicines," the letter added.

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TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mahila Seva Samaja Senior Secondary School student Yuktha Harsha of Class 7B demonstrated outstanding talent at the State Ranking Table Tennis Championship held at Karnataka Government Secretariat Club, Bangalore, securing first place in the girls under-13 category.

VIDYA BHARATI DISTRICT LEVEL VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

Rashtrotthana Vidya Kendra Banashankari, Bangalore hosted the Vidya Bharati District Level Volleyball Competition with eight schools participating. The event was graced by Chief Guest Sri Ramakrishna Guruji, Treasurer of Vidya Bharati Pranth, alongside Pradhanacharya Smt. Nanda Mathaji. In Bala Varga, JSVK emerged winners in boys, while RVK-A secured victory in girls. JGRVK claimed the Kishora Varga girls' title, and JSVK triumphed in Kishora and Taruna Varga boys. The tournament highlighted teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, inspiring students to balance academics with physical fitness and nurturing leadership and sportsmanship among participants.

CADENCE 2025

St Joseph's Boys' High School hosted the seventh edition of their renowned music fest, 'Cadence', bringing together over 1,500 musicians from more than 50 schools across the country. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Wendy M Dickson and Guest of Honour Mr. Manoj Pasangha, both distinguished in their fields. A highlight this year was the introduction of the Battle of Bands, which added new vibrancy to the much-loved competitions in Instrumental, Regional and English categories. With stellar performances across events, Vibgyor High Airoli, Mumbai, secured the Overall Winner Award, as Cadence once again celebrated music, camaraderie and creativity.

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Geographers uncover why some rivers stay single while others split

Single-thread and multi-thread rivers feature different flood and erosion risks and ecosystem services. These attributes are becoming more relevant as people cope with more powerful water weather events. As a result, the mechanism that dictates threading has been becoming a research focus

G.B.S.N.P. Varma

The Karnali River (known as Ghaghara in India) bifurcates in Nepal. SHERPARINJI (CC BY-SA)

Some rivers split up as they flow while some others don't. This riverine phenomenon has intrigued researchers for decades. What determines whether a river flows as a single thread or develops into a multi-threaded system? The question may sound simple but it has become a fundamental issue in river geomorphology, straddling concepts across geology, geography, ecology, and engineering.

Now, geographers at the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) have reported in a paper published in *Science* that they have solved the mystery.

By analysing the dynamics of 84 rivers over 36 years using satellite imagery and a novel image processing technique called particle image velocimetry, they say they have discovered the physical mechanism that causes there to be two types of rivers.

"We found that single-thread rivers are characterised by equilibrium between bank erosion and bar accretion – essentially, material lost from one bank is balanced by the material deposited on the other, maintaining a stable width," the study's senior author and and associate professor of geography at UCSB Vamsi Ganti said.

In contrast, he continued, multi-threaded rivers consistently exhibit higher rates of erosion relative to the deposition on the opposite banks, leading to the channel widening and eventually splitting. This imbalance, per the work, is the driving force behind multithreaded rivers.

That is, erosion is what drives the phenomenon of flow splitting in rivers.

'Growing recognition'

The two main types of rivers, single-thread and multi-thread, also feature different flood and erosion risks, ecosystem services, and water resources. These hazards and features are becoming more relevant as people and governments cope with more frequent and more intense water weather events. As a result, the physical mechanism that dictates single- versus multi-threading has been becoming a more important subject of research.

While previous research mostly examined where different types of rivers could be found, Mr. Ganti said, they also focused on how these rivers changed over time.

Many models that try to predict flooding risk assume that the rivers are flowing in streams of a fixed depth and width. This is not the case, and the new study has revealed the consequences of this assumption.

"There is growing recognition that many rivers have historically transitioned from multi-channel to single-channel after human interference," the study's lead author and UCSB Earth Research Institute postdoc Austin Chadwick wrote in an email.

Human interference includes damming, diking, sediment mining, clearing and snagging, and agricultural development.

Vector map

To understand why some rivers flow in a single channel while others split into many threads, the researchers turned to satellites. They studied 36 years of global Landsat images, covering the period from 1985 to 2021. From a worldwide survey of nearly 400 river sections, they chose 84 that were wide enough and moved at a speed suitable for their analysis. These included both single-thread and multithread rivers across different climates, slopes, and water flows.

They used a computer technique called particle image velocimetry, which tracked small changes in images from year to year, letting scientists measure how much a riverbank eroded and how much material accreted on the opposite side. To do this, they converted the satellite pictures into maps showing where land was dry and where it was covered by water.

Then, by comparing thousands of cross-sections of the rivers over time, they generated millions of small vectors that recorded the directions and speeds of erosion and accretion.

Finally, they combined all this data – more than four lakh measurements of erosion versus accretion – to test whether the two processes balanced out. This allowed them to discover the patterns that caused single or multithread rivers.

Plants have a say

For many decades, scientists have believed that single-channeled, meandering rivers needed vegetated banks to form and that plants and meandering rivers coevolved. But in an analysis published recently in Science, Stanford University researchers reported that that idea is based on a misinterpretation of the sedimentary record.

"We show that vegetated river bends move in a different direction than unvegetated river bends, relative to the down-slope direction that the entire river flows," Michael Hasson, the study's lead author and a PhD scholar at Stanford, said.

This renders the sedimentary deposits that unvegetated meandering rivers produce fundamentally different from the deposits of vegetated meandering rivers, even though they have the same form.

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While the Chadwick et al. study focused on why rivers became meandering or braided, Hasson et al. examined meandering rivers.

Given a straight valley, Mr. Hasson added, they found vegetated river bends will move outwards toward the sides of the valley whereas unvegetated river bends will move down the valley, without moving sideways.

"Our interpretation is that vegetation causes this difference in river movement mainly because it causes levees to form, which indirectly limits the sinuosity, a measure of how indirect a river's path is, of the river," Mr. Hasson said. "In turn, sinuosity controls how and where bends migrate."

Insights for India

Chadwick et al. considered three stretches of the Ganga, near Patna, Farakka, and Paksey (Bangladesh). For the Brahmaputra, they examined stretches near Bahadurabad (Bangladesh), Pandu (India), Pasighat (India), and one further upstream in the Himalaya.

The Brahmaputra is a classical braided river, Mr. Ganti said. The team also found that the Brahmaputra's threads eroded their banks fast.

"The shape of their channels is fundamentally unstable," Mr. Chadwick said of these threads. "The subchannels are prone to widen and split over years and decades, because the flow laterally erodes riverbanks faster than it deposits along them."

The find went against the conventional wisdom that erosion and deposition are in equilibrium.

"It is very surprising and intriguing that multi-thread rivers laterally erode faster than they deposit," Mr. Chadwick said.

In sum, the study has unravelled "a new sort of way that rivers can maintain their form, which is fuelled not by equilibrium but instead cycles of instability as sub-channels repeatedly widen and split over time."

"This fundamental instability is an important consideration for river management."

Reducing flood risk

Mr. Chadwick also said that along multi-thread rivers like the Ganga and the Brahmaputra, the rating curves used to measure river flows must be updated more frequently in order as the channels change their shape.

The problem in India is that in many parts, braided river sections have been artificially confined to single channels using built embankments, Akshay Kadu, a hydrologist at Stantec, a global engineering design and consulting company, said. He wasn't involved in the studies.

Another implication of the findings is that multi-channel rivers require significantly less space and time to return to their natural state, leading to lower restoration costs.

So, Mr. Kadu added, nature-based solutions such as removing artificial embankments, restoring the river's connection with its natural floodplains, creating vegetated buffer zones along riverbanks, reactivating abandoned channels, and building wetlands in braided sections can significantly lower the risk of flooding in adjacent areas.

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India Gate is enveloped by smog after Delhi's air quality worsened due to air pollution in November 2024. REUTERS

All of India breathes bad air, AQLI 2025 report says

Priyali Prakash

While north Indian cities such as Delhi, Ghaziabad, and Kanpur are notorious for their air pollution, almost everyone living in India breathes air dirtier than what the World Health Organisation (WHO) has deemed safe.

According to the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) 2025 annual update, all of India lives in areas where the annual average particulate pollution level (PM2.5) exceeds the WHO annual average limit of 5 µg/m^3.

The country's northern plains, however, remain the greater offenders, exposing an estimated 544.4 million people to bad air.

The AQLI report is based on global pollution data from 2023. Atmospheric pollution levels rose planetwide in 2023 following two relatively quiescent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report was put together by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago. The air quality in India is also bad by its own standards, which are more lenient than those of the WHO. According to the report, 46% of India's people live in areas where the national annual PM2.5 standard of 40 µg/m3 has been breached.

The report also said Delhi will experience the greatest benefit among India's cities by lowering particulate pollution to the WHO's recommendation, adding 8.2 years to life expectancy. Because the whole country currently breathes subpar air, even those in the cleanest areas could live 9.4 months more if their air is cleaned up, the report found.

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The problem transcends borders, of course. Emissions from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Pakistan have together blanketed a big swath of South Asia with polluted air.

Bangladesh in particular has consistently been the most polluted country in the region for years. In 2023, the country's air had 12x greater PM2.5 concentration than the WHO guidelines – and improving it could add 5.5 years on average to resident Bangladeshis' lives. The report estimated the potential gain to be highest in Gazipur, where residents could live 7.1 years longer.

China noted a consistent decrease in pollution over the last decade. China, however, has been somewhat of a notable exception: while the concentration of harmful particles in its air grew by 2.8% in 2023, the air quality has been improving for a decade.

This is not accidental. Even with the 2.8% increase in 2023, the particulate concentration was still 40.8% lower than what it was in 2014. Among other policies, the country has restricted the number of cars on the roads in large cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou; cut its iron- and steel-making capacity; banned new coal plants in specific regions; and replaced coal-based home heating solutions with gas or electric heaters, the AQLI report noted. Then again, a lot remains to be done. Even if China's air is cleaner than India's, the people of China are also exposed to more PM2.5 levels than the WHO's threshold.

Worldwide, the global PM2.5 concentration in 2023 was 1.5% higher than in 2022 and almost 5x times over the WHO limit. Indeed, the report identified particulate pollution as the "greatest external threat to human life expectancy" in 2023.

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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

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That September 1, 1939, paper

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1
On September 1, 1939, J. Robert Oppenheimer and X published a paper describing how an object of extreme mass would collapse into a black hole. The paper is considered one of the most important in the history of physics. Name X.

QUESTION 2
Also in 1939, Oppenheimer, Richard Tolman, Robert Serber, and George Volkoff obtained the limit named for them when studying _____ _____. Above this limit, these objects collapse into black holes. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 3
The American theoretical physicist Y coined the term "black hole" in 1967 after spending the 1950s being opposed to their possibility. In particular, Y thought Oppenheimer and X (from Q1) had neglected the properties of real stars. Name Y.

QUESTION 4
The shape of spacetime around an uncharged black hole that isn't rotating is described by Schwarzschild geometry. What's the name of the spacetime geometry that describes spacetime around an uncharged black hole that is rotating?

QUESTION 5
The September 1, 1939, described a boundary called the event horizon, beyond which even light couldn't escape the black hole's pull. If a black hole is rotating, there's another surface above the event horizon called Z, which coincides with the event horizon at the black hole's poles. Name Z.

Answers to August 26 quiz:
1. Principle aeroplanes use to produce lift – **Ans: Bernoulli's principle**
2. Angle between wing's chord line and oncoming airflow – **Ans: Attack**
3. Quantity whose conservation facilitates aircraft propulsion – **Ans: Momentum**
4. Movable parts that act like an aeroplane's muscles – **Ans: Control surface**
5. Skin of air that hugs an aeroplane's outer frame – **Ans: Boundary layer**

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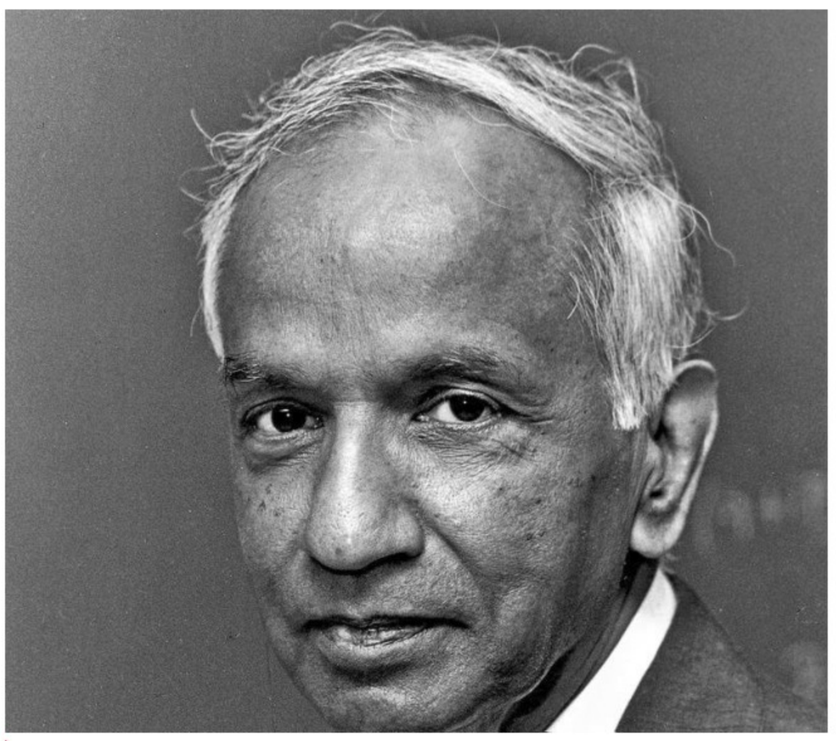

Visual: Name this physicist for whom the maximum mass limit of a white dwarf is named. AIP EMILIO SEGRÈ VISUAL ARCHIVES

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Cab driver arrested for setting woman on fire

The accused would allegedly fight with the victim for cheating on him and avoiding him

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hulimavu police arrested a cab driver for allegedly setting his 25-year-old former friend on fire after they broke up, on Hommadevanahalli main road in Bengaluru on Sunday.

The deceased, Vanajakshi, was separated from her husband and was living with her minor son. She reportedly had a relationship with the accused, Vittala, aged around 50, for the last few years.

The accused used to allegedly fight with Vanajakshi for cheating on him and avoiding him. On Sunday, Vanajakshi, her sister and nephew were heading to St. John's hospital in a car driven by Muniyappa, a distant relative with whom she allegedly had a relationship.

Vittala, cab driver, and his former friend, Vanajakshi.

Vittala allegedly followed them in a car and started honking. When Muniyappa slowed down, the accused got down from his car and allegedly poured petrol inside their car. Muniyappa was injured when he tried to resist.

Sensing trouble, Vanajakshi got out of the car and fled from the spot. Vittala allegedly chased her and poured petrol on her when she tripped and fell on the ground. He lit the petrol with a lighter.

He also suffered injuries in the incident.

60% burns

Passers-by doused the fire and rushed Vanajakshi to a hospital where she succumbed on Monday due to 60% burns.

Based on a complaint filed by Muniyappa, the police tracked down Vittala and took him into custody.

Before breathing her last, Vanajakshi reportedly asked Muniyappa to take care of her minor son and ensure that Vittala is punished for his crime.

SWR achieves record growth in August this year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

South Western Railway (SWR) reported a remarkable performance in August 2025, registering gross revenue of ₹755 crore—marking a significant milestone in its operational history. Passenger earnings grew to ₹305 crore, with 14.5 million passengers carried, up from ₹264 crore and 13.4 million passengers in August 2024. Freight operations led the growth, contributing ₹418 crore, a sharp rise from ₹323 crore last year, backed by SWR's best-ever August freight loading of 4.22 million tonnes (MT), reflecting a 26.3% year-on-year increase over the 3.35 MT recorded in August 2024.

Mukul Saran Mathur, General Manager of SWR, commended the efforts of officers and staff that led to these results in both passenger and freight sectors.

No equipment, no raise: BBMP's wildlife rescuers risk lives for ₹18,000 a month

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

Seven years have passed since the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) last revised the honorarium for wildlife rescuers empanelled with its forest wing. Despite rescuers submitting requests every year, the civic body has no plans to increase the amount.

Of the 11 wildlife rescuers recognised by the BBMP in 2008, seven are still with the civic body, while four have since withdrawn. Initially, they received an honorarium of ₹5,000, which was revised twice, once in 2012 to ₹12,000, and again in 2018 to ₹18,000. Multiple sources told *The Hindu* that although there is an official proposal for increasing the honorarium, it has been stalled at the administrative level, pending necessary approvals.

A senior BBMP official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the proposal has not been considered and is not a current priority, reasoning that wildlife rescue is not regular work. In contrast, both the rescuers and several forest wing officials argue that the rescuers work round the clock, addressing human-wildlife conflict in urban areas.

According to BBMP data reviewed by *The Hindu*, the rescuers attended to 325 complaints between April and June alone, which included rescues of 297 snakes, 23 birds, and 17 monkeys. Notably, no injuries were reported during these operations. Although this is official data, rescuers often under-report their work due to the cumbersome documentation process. "We have to take GPS-tagged photos of the capture and release and record the date, time, and location before submitting the report to the zonal forest officer. All of this has to be done manually and involves considerable paperwork," a rescuer told *The Hindu*.

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Moreover, such a system didn't exist in earlier years, which meant the BBMP lacks historical data on wildlife captures. Rescuers often attend an overwhelming number of calls during the monsoon season, particularly for snakes during their breeding season, leaving little time for data entry. "It's a high-risk job, and we haven't been given any equipment. We handle five to six calls daily, regardless of the time. Most of our honorarium goes toward fuel expenses," one rescuer said, adding that he also delivers newspapers and milk to make ends meet.

28 species of snakes

One rescuer noted that he has seen 28 species of snakes in Bengaluru, including four that are highly venomous: Russell's viper, saw-scaled viper, common cobra, and common krait. He emphasised that the BBMP has not provided any equipment to deal with these dangerous species.

Another rescuer recalled how a colleague, Manjunath, was bitten by a snake two years ago and spent several days in the ICU.

Joseph Hoover, a wildlife activist, voiced support for the rescuers and urged the BBMP to consider increasing the honorarium. He pointed out that private rescuers often charge between ₹2,000 and ₹5,000 for a rescue, while the BBMP rescuers carry out these operations for free.

Painter killed in drunken brawl

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 45-year-old painter was bludgeoned to death allegedly by his friend over a trivial row at his house in Begur police station limits on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Devendra Singh from U.P., living in a rented accommodation in Raghavendra Layout here for the last three years.

The accused, identified as Mewa Singh, a friend of the deceased from his hometown, had come to the city to work.

The duo had an argument over a trivial row and Mewa Singh allegedly attacked Devendra with a club and escaped. A severe blow on the head rendered Devendra to collapse on the ground and die of excessive bleeding.

Neighbours hearing the commotion rushed to his help and shifted him to a hospital where the doctor declared him brought dead. The Begur police based on the information from the hospital have registered a case of murder and efforts are on to track down the accused.

Temple priest killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An 80-year-old temple priest was killed when an electric BMTC bus knocked him down on Channasandra Main Road on Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Narayana Shastri, priest of a temple nearby, who was walking towards the M.V.J. bus stop when the bus coming from Hope Farm knocked him down.

Narayana Shastri sustained severe injuries and was rushed to Vydehi hospital where he succumbed later. The Mahadevapura traffic police arrested the bus driver, Gangaraju, charging him for causing death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving.

This comes even as there have been at least five fatal accidents in recent days involving BMTC buses.

The BMTC has stepped up its safety measures to ensure accident-free driving by its staff, following a review of road mishaps involving its buses.

Car driver clicks on APK link to pay traffic violation, loses ₹66,000

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A car driver who tried to clear a fine for a traffic violation clicked on an APK file he received, and ended up losing ₹66,000.

Based on a complaint, the central division cyber crime police have registered a case of cheating under the IT Act.

A resident of Seshadripuram, in his complaint, said that he received a message from his employer on WhatsApp containing the details of the traffic violation of ₹1,000 and asked him to pay it, and sent him a message that an unidentified person had sent him.

When he went to the message containing the APK file link and clicked it open to add his mobile phone number and vehicle details, he was asked to pay ₹1 for confirmation. As soon as he paid ₹1, a total of ₹66,000 was deducted from his savings account.

The police are now trying to track down the accused through the transaction details.

They advised people not to click on any APK files or links they receive from random numbers. These APK file can also be used by the hackers to upload malicious files leading to potential cyberthreats of data theft and unauthorised transactions, they warned.

'Use authorised links'

The police have requested people to pay traffic violations only through authorised links and advised them not to entertain any random messages.

The Traffic Department will not send messages to individuals asking to pay fines, a police officer added.

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ENGLAND & EUROPE → 16 DAYS
COUNTRIES COVERED: England, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Vatican.
DATES: OCT 22. NOV 5, 12.
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DATES: OCT 25. NOV 8, 15.
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AUSTRALIA → 13 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Sydney: Blue Mountain, Wollongong. Melbourne: Penguin Parade, Great Ocean Road. Cairns: Kuranda, Great Barrier Reef.
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DATES: OCT 19. NOV 2, 16, 23. DEC 7.
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SINGAPORE - MALAYSIA - THAILAND → 4 / 5 / 7 / 8 / 11 / 15 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Singapore: Universal Studios, Sentosa Island, Wings Of Time, Cable Car, Singapore City Tour, Gardens by the Bay, Sea Aquarium.
Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur City Tour, Putrajaya, Genting Highland. Thailand: Pattaya, Coral Island, Alcazar Show, Nong Nooch Village, Bangkok City Tour, Safari World & Marine Park.
DATES: OCT 3, 17, 24. NOV 7, 21, 28. DEC 5, 12.
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SRILANKA RAMAYANA TRAILS → 5 / 7 / 8 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Ramayana Temples, Manavari Temple, Munneswaram Temple, Trincomalee, Matale, Sigiriya Rock Photostop, Kandy, Tooth Relic, Ramboda Hanuman, Tea Factory, Nuwara Eliya, Ashoka Vatika, Sita Agnipariksha, Bentota Beach, Madu River Safari, Vibhishana Temple, Colombo City Tour.
DATES: SEP 25. OCT 2, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11, 18.
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DUBAI → 6 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Dhow cruise, Dubai City Tour, Abu Dhabi City Tour, Burj Khalifa, Desert Safari, Dubai Frame, Global Village.
DATES: OCT 2, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11, 18.
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NEPAL - MUKTHINATH → 5/9 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Lumbini, Pokhara, Jomsom, Muktinath, Phewa Lake, Manokamana, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Doleshwar Mahadev, Janakpur etc.
DATES: OCT 7, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27.
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BHUTAN - THE LAND OF HAPPINESS → 8 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Phuentsholing, Punakha, Paro, Thimphu.
DATES: SEP 18. OCT 7, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11, 18.
7022259007
BALI - THE LAND OF GODS → 5 / 7 / 9 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Denpasar, Nusa Penida Island, Kintamani, Ubud, Garuda Wisnu Cultural Park, Tanah Lot, Beratan Lake, Ulun Danu, Taman Ayun, Tanjung Benoa Beach, Uluwatu, Besakih, Tirta Empul, Lempuyang Temple, Tirta Gangga, Kings Palace, Bat Caves Temple.
DATES: SEP 22. OCT 6, 20, 27. NOV 3, 17, 24. DEC 1, 15.
7022259008
CAMBODIA - VIETNAM → 6 / 7 / 10 / 12 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Tonle Sap, Thousand Lingas River. Vietnam: Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Da Nang, Hoi An, Ba Na Hills, Mekong Delta, Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels.
DATES: SEP 25. OCT 2, 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11.
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RUSSIA → 7 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Kremlin, Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Sparrow Hills, Boat ride along Moskva River (1 hr), Peterhof Palace, Sapsan train, Vasilievsky Island, Anichkov Bridge, Peter & Paul's Fortress, Palace Square, Alexander's Column Monument, Pushkin.
DATES: OCT 16, 30
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JAPAN → 8 DAYS
PLACES TO VISIT: Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Bullet Train, Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Kobe.
DATES : OCT 16, 30. NOV 6, 20, 27. DEC 4, 11.
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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of people affected by Punjab floods in one month

2.56 lakh. Twelve out of the 23 districts in the State have been hit, in the one month starting August 1, in what the State government has called one of the worst flood disasters to hit Punjab in decades. The flood worsened due to heavy rainfall in many parts of the State. PTI

Volume of UPI transactions in the month of August

20 billion. According to the NPCI, UPI transaction amount registered a growth of 21% at ₹24.85 lakh crore as compared to ₹20.60 lakh crore in the same month a year ago. In volume terms, the growth was 34% to 20.01 billion as against 14.9 billion in August 2024. PTI

The increase in gross GST collection in the month of August

6.5 In per cent. Gross GST collection increased 6.5% to over ₹1.86 lakh crore in August on higher domestic revenues, as per government data released on Monday. The gross GST mop-up was ₹1.75 lakh crore in August 2024. Last month, the collection was ₹1.96 lakh crore. PTI

The death toll from an earthquake which hit eastern Afghanistan

800 Desperate Afghans clawed through rubble in the dead of the night in search of missing loved ones after a strong earthquake killed some 800 people and injured more than 2,500 in eastern Afghanistan, according to figures provided by the Taliban government. PTI

Departmental action cases pending against CBI personnel

60 Of these cases, 22 were pending for more than four years. As of December 31, 2024, as many as 39 departmental cases against Group 'A' officers and 21 cases against Group 'B' and 'C' officials of the CBI were pending at various stages. PTI

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A dissent to safeguard the future

The dissent from the lone woman Supreme Court judge on the elevation of Justice Pancholi is multi-faceted. It did not merely focus on the point that there were other senior women High Court judges. Her reservations touched upon the criteria the Collegium had to consider while assessing a candidate for elevation

LETTER & SPIRIT

Krishnadas Rajagopal

The dissent by Supreme Court judge, Justice B.V. Nagarathna, against a proposal to elevate Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi to the top court was an appeal to protect the future of the court and credibility of the Collegium system of judicial appointments.

Justice Nagarathna, in her note, urged Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai to keep in mind, as the head of the Supreme Court Collegium and pater familias of the judicial fraternity, that decisions taken in the present would have ramifications on the future administration of justice. Her dissent drew strength from the court's own principle that judicial appointments must be free of fear of other power centres. Executive interference in judicial appointments, as Justice Madan B. Lokur wrote in the *National Judicial Appointments Commission* judgment, would cripple justice administration, for the government was "unashamedly the biggest litigant in the country".

The dissent indicated the bar, while recommending judges who could become Chief Justices of India, must be set "really high" as they become protectors of the independence of the judiciary in posterity. Justice Pancholi, who was sworn in as a Supreme Court judge on August 29, is in line to be CJI in 2031.

Standing tall: Justice B.V. Nagarathna in Bengaluru in 2024. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Lone voice

The dissent from the lone woman Supreme Court judge is multi-faceted. It did not merely focus on the point that there were other women High Court judges senior to Justice Pancholi. Her reservations touched upon the criteria the Collegium had to consider while assessing a candidate for elevation. A Collegium resolution of July 11, 2024 listed these as criteria for the judges under consideration – merit as demonstrated by the judgments authored by the judges and performance; integrity; the need to ensure diversity in terms of region, gender and community; and the need for inclusion of the marginalised and backward segments of the community.

The train of events leading to the 4:1 division in the Collegium harked back to May 25, 2025 when Chief Justice Gavai broached the subject of the candidacy of Justice Pancholi to the top court. Justice Nagarathna is said to have expressed her oral dissent. It appeared that Justice Vikram Nath, formerly a Gujarat High Court Chief Justice, too had objected to the proposal. Justice Anjaria, who was senior to Justice Pancholi in the Gujarat High Court, was recommended the next day. Justice Anjaria had fulfilled the criteria of both seniority and regional representation in May 2025. But the proposal to elevate Justice Pancholi, who had been Patna Chief Justice since July 21 this year, to the top court came up again in August. This time, Justice Nagarathna reportedly put in a written dissent requesting the CJI and her other Collegium colleagues to consider the "serious and grave concerns" that led the Collegium to transfer Justice Pancholi from Gujarat to Patna High Court in July 2023. Justice Nagarathna is noted to have said the decision to transfer was made after due deliberation following consultations with Justices M.R. Shah, Nath, J.B. Pardiwala and Aravind Kumar.

Justice Nagarathna requested the Collegium to call for and peruse the minutes of the meeting recommending the transfer in 2023. She asked why a lawyers' delegation had met the then Chief Justice of India, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud (now retired), in the presence of Justice Shah, and pleaded for the transfer. Justice Nagarathna sought reasons that led Justice Nath to reprimand Justice Pancholi while the former was the Gujarat High Court Justice.

Counter-productive to justice

The Supreme Court judge, in her dissent, ostensibly noted that Justice Pardiwala's (former Gujurat High Court judge) opinion was not sought for the proposal to elevate Justice Pancholi as Patna High Court Chief Justice. A section of a 41-page document posted online by the Supreme Court titled, 'Appointment of High Court Judges', has a section called the 'The Role of the Supreme Court Collegium' in which the first tenet is that "the Chief Justice of India seeks views of the judges of the Supreme Court, outside the Collegium, who are conversant with the affairs of the concerned High Court".

She reportedly objected to the elevation of Justice Pancholi, who was ranked 57 in the all-India seniority, to the Supreme Court, citing that it would prove "counter-productive" to the administration of justice and risk the credibility of the Collegium. Justice Nagarathna, who is herself in line to be the first woman Chief Justice of India in 2027, raised doubts about whether Justice Pancholi's prospective Chief Justiceship from October 3, 2031 to May 27, 2033 would be in the interest of the institution.

Justice Nagarathna also presumably asked whether there was a requirement for a third judge from the Gujarat High Court with Justice Pardiwala, who is in the running for Chief Justiceship, and Justice Anjaria already on the Supreme Court Bench. She raised the point that several High Courts were not represented or had inadequate representation in the top court. The High Courts without representation include Jammu and Kashmir, Orissa, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Tripura and Uttarakhand. The dissent note is said to have argued that there were several meritorious judges senior to Justice Pancholi the Collegium could recommend for the top court.

THE GIST

- Justice Nagarathna, in her note, urged CJI B.R. Gavai to keep in mind that decisions taken in the present would have ramifications on the future administration of justice.
- She reportedly objected to the elevation of Justice Pancholi to the Supreme Court, citing that it would prove "counter-productive" to the administration of justice and risk the credibility of the Collegium.
- The Supreme Court judge, in her dissent, ostensibly noted that Justice Pardiwala's (former Gujurat High Court judge) opinion was not sought for the proposal to elevate Justice Pancholi as Patna High Court Chief Justice.

What is CEREBO, the brain tool developed indigenously?

How are traumatic brain injuries caused? Why would the tool be particularly useful in rural areas?

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

The story so far:

CEREBO is a novel hand-held, portable non-invasive brain injury diagnostic tool, developed through a collaboration between the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Medical Device & Diagnostics Mission Secretariat (MDMS), AIIMS Bhopal, NIMHANS Bengaluru, and Bioscan Research. The device is to be used for Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs) and can detect intracranial bleeding and edema within a minute. It is safe for infants and pregnant women, and can be used by paramedic staff as well as unskilled personnel.

Why is this device important?

Offered as an option in settings where advanced diagnostic tools like CT or MRI scans are inaccessible or delayed, CEREBO provides colour-coded, radiation-free, and cost-effective results. The device is designed for deployment in ambulances, trauma centres, rural clinics, and disaster response units and is aimed at enhancing early TBI detection and patient outcomes. According to the ICMR, CEREBO has undergone clinical validation, regulatory approvals, and feasibility studies, paving the way for global adoption in emergency and military healthcare systems.

ICMR added that multi-centre clinical performance evaluation and utility trials were conducted at leading trauma care and neurosurgical centres to generate prospective evidence on diagnostic accuracy, time-to-decision benefits, and integration feasibility within emergency care pathways. Post-market surveillance supported by ICMR-MDMS further confirmed its role in user adoption as a tool for effectively triaging patients for further neurological assessments. Health technology assessments also recommended the adoption of the device in tertiary care to accelerate CT scans, optimise triage, and reduce imaging costs.

What is TBI?

TBIs are a significant public health challenge, particularly in emergency settings, rural areas, and underserved populations. Traditional diagnostic methods, such as the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS), are prone to errors and subjective interpretations, while imaging techniques require specialised infrastructure, trained personnel, and are cost-intensive. It is to address this issue that CEREBO has been developed using advanced near-infrared spectroscopy technology powered by machine learning.

TBI is a condition caused by a sudden trauma or injury to the head, which disrupts normal brain function. This injury can range from mild (concussion) to severe, often resulting in long-term physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioural impairments. The severity of TBI depends on factors such as the force of impact, the location of the injury, and the individual's overall health. According to an article titled, 'Epidemiology of traumatic brain injuries: Indian scenario', TBIs are a leading cause of morbidity, mortality, disability and socio-economic losses in India and other developing countries. It is estimated that nearly 1.5 to 2 million persons are injured and one million succumb to death every year in India. Road traffic injuries are the leading cause (60%) of TBIs followed by falls (20%-25%) and violence (10%).

It is possible for a TBI to go undiagnosed initially, especially if symptoms are mild or if there are no visible signs of injury. A TBI can cause permanent brain damage in some cases, particularly if the injury is severe or if there are complications such as bleeding or swelling in the brain. Patients with mild TBIs (concussions) may only require monitoring and observation to ensure symptoms do not worsen. "Close monitoring of neurological status, vital signs, and cognitive function is important, especially in the first 24 to 48 hours after injury," it adds. Long-term consequences of TBI include cognitive impairments (such as memory problems), emotional and behavioural changes (such as depression, anxiety), physical disabilities, and increased risk of neurodegenerative diseases later in life, say experts.

THE GIST

- The device is to be used for Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and can detect intracranial bleeding and edema within a minute.
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Murmu lauds AIISH's pioneering work

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday lauded the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, for its pioneering contribution in the field of communication disorders and for completing 60 years of dedicated service.

She said the institute has set a shining example of women-led development, having been headed by women directors for the past two decades.

Speaking at the diamond jubilee celebrations of the institute, the President said AIISH has played a vital role in treatment, rehabilitation, and research through a multidisciplinary approach. It has extended services through tele-assessment and tele-rehabilitation, while also producing a skilled workforce to address speech and hearing disorders.

Recalling that the land for AIISH was donated by the erstwhile Maharaja of Mysore, she expressed gratitude to the royal family, telling the scion of erstwhile royal family and MP for Mysuru Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who was present, "I thank your ancestors for their noble gesture." Stressing the importance of early detection and intervention for addressing communication disorders, Ms. Murmu noted that the Government of India has launched the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness, with AIISH as the nodal centre.

While citing technological advancements such as cochlear implants, the President underlined the need for India to become Atmanirbhar in the manufacturing of such devices at affordable cost. She also called for greater accessibility in public spaces for persons with disabilities, saying such efforts reflect society's care and inclusiveness.

Encouraging AIISH to continue serving with the spirit of innovation with compassion, Ms. Murmu said the institute must emerge as a global role model and contribute to policymaking in the field of speech and hearing.

The President also interacted with children undergoing treatment at the institute.

Minor booked under POCSO Act for rape in Bagalkot

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Bagalkot police have booked a minor boy under the provisions of POCSO Act. He is facing the charge of raping a 16-year-old girl in June 2025.

The Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has directed the District Child Welfare Committee to provide necessary protection and care to the girl who is two months pregnant. The boy and girl were in a residential school in Bagalkot district.

Investigation on

The boy invited the girl to a family function where the offence was committed, the police said.

A team led by Sub-Inspector Mallikarjun Sattigoudar is investigating the case. Commission member Shashidhar Kosambe said that the commission will register a *suo motu* case in connection with the incident.

"I spoke to Bagalkot Superintendent of Police Siddarth Goel. I asked him to produce the accused and the girl before the Juvenile Justice Board. The accused is a child in conflict with the law. But he is 17 years old now. As per the Juvenile Justice Act, if a POCSO Act accused is above 16, he can be tried in a normal court, if the board feels that he has done it with knowledge and of his own volition. We are trying to see that this case serves as a precedent," Mr. Kosambe said.

Meesho to create 12 lakh jobs this festive season

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Meesho, a city-based e-tailer, on Monday said it would offer seasonal job opportunities to 12 lakh people during this festive season.

These positions would comprise Meesho's seller and logistics network and over 70% of these placements would be in tier 3 and tier 4 regions. This year's hiring represented a 40% increase in seasonal jobs compared to last year, the firm said.

On the breakup of this mass hiring, Meesho said, its sellers this year have hired 5.5 lakh seasonal workers as part of their requirements for the festive season while logistics partnerships have helped generate 6.7 lakh seasonal job opportunities, a 90% growth over last year's festive hiring requirement for logistics, it said.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, SEP. 02
RISE 06:09 SET 18:30
RISE 14:18 SET 00:50

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 03
RISE 06:09 SET 18:29
RISE 15:11 SET 01:46

THURSDAY, SEP. 04
RISE 06:09 SET 18:28
RISE 16:01 SET 02:42

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	25
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

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(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No: MESCOM/SEE(Proj)/EE(APR)/2025-26/1569 Date: 01.09.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tenders for the following works on total turnkey basis vide respective bid enquiry numbers.

Sl.No.	Name of the work	Bid Enquiry Nos.
1	Comprehensive strengthening of distribution network using Covered Conductor in Puttur, Kundapura, Shivamogga and Sagara Divisions	MESCOM /2025-26/EL/ WORK_INDENT357
2	Comprehensive strengthening of distribution network using Covered Conductor / LT AB Cable in Aldur, Mudigere and Chikkamagaluru Rural Sub-divisions of Chikkamagaluru Division	MESCOM/ 2025-26/EL/ WORK_INDENT358
3	Comprehensive strengthening of distribution network using Covered Conductor in Balehonnur, Koppa & Sringeri Sub-divisions of Koppa Division	MESCOM/ 2025-26/EL/ WORK_INDENT359

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04-09-2025.**

Sd/-,
Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Projects)

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/701/25-26 dt: 01.09.2025

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No: CEE/ BGKT/TRNS/SEE (O)/AEE-7/ 25-26/8425-30 Date: 30.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites tender on Electronic mode for the following work on **Total Turnkey basis.**

Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/BGKT/CEE/TZ/2025-26/AirportHubli. Bid Indent No.KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2604 for Construction of 33KV Terminal Bay and its allied equipment at 110/33/11KV S/S Tarihal S/S Dharwad District for Arranging Power supply to an extent of 1200KVA on 33KV reference to HT installation for Domestic Terminal Building in the favour the Director, Airport Authority of India, Hubballi Including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning.

The tender will be received through "KPP Portal" only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02-09-2025, 16.00 Hrs.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.,)
Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL,
110 kV Sub-station premises, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103

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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01–09–2025

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(Through K.P.P. portal only)

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ಓಡ଼ିଶା ରାଜ୍ୟ ସଡକ ପରିବହନ ନିଗମ
Odisha State Road Transport Corporation

Advertisement Matter

Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC), Bhubaneswar invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT** (Including All types of Repairs, Body repair and maintenance) for its Buses in Depots of OSRTC, through the open competitive e-tendering process. The Tender documents and details of terms and conditions of required documents are available on Tender Odisha portal as well as OSRTC website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app & https://osrtc.org/.**

The interested firms / agencies should upload their proposals in the Tender Odisha Portal **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app** from **Dt:02/09/2025 up to Dt.23/09/2025 up to 3:00 PM** and the same will be opened on **Dt.25/09/2025 at 12:00 PM** through Tender Odisha Portal.

For any doubt, agencies/ firms may contact **+91-674-2530908**, **Email**: **osrtc@nic.in**. to address the issue during office hours.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason thereof.

Additional Secretary, C&T Dept. - cum -
General Manager (Operation), OSRTC, Bhubaneswar

CAD-1649: OIPR-38002/11/0027/2526

Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited
5th Floor, BMC - ICOMC Tower, Bhoi Nagar, Unit-9, Bhubaneswar-751022.
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No.1183/BSCL/2025 **TENDER CALL NOTICE** Dt. : 30.08.2025

Sl No	Name of the Work	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Document From	To
1.	RFP for Selection of agency for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System with Mobile application for Emergency Vehicle Movement and CDT (Amber and Red) for 25 Location in Bhubaneswar City.	1180/BSCL/2025 Dated 30.08.2025	02.09.2025 17.30 Hrs.	04.10.2025 17.30 Hrs.
2.	RFP for Selection of agency for design, implementation and management of IP CCTV, ITMS, and FRS SYSTEM on OPEX Model	1181/BSCL/2025 Dated 30.08.2025	02.09.2025 17.30 Hrs.	08.10.2025 17.30 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in/** Any Corrigendum or Addendum, if any will not be published in newspaper and can only be seen in the above mentioned web site.

By order Managing Director
General Manager (Admin), Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited

C-983: OIPR-13070/11/0013/2526

OREDA LIMITED
(Under the Department of Energy Government of Odisha)
(CIN No: U35105OD2024SGC045786)
(ISO 9001:2008/ISO 14001:2004)
S/59, MANCHESWAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
BHUBANESWAR-751010, ODISHA
Website: www.oredaodisha.com; E-mail: ceoreda@oredaorissa.com

Notice for Cancellation of RfE

Notice No : 3955/PD - 190/2024 **Date: 30/08/2025**

This is to inform all concerned that, the e-tender RfE notice no: 5021, dated 31.12.2024 for Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning including Comprehensive Maintenance for five (5) years of Roof-top Solar PV On-grid systems of cumulative capacity up to 10 MW in various capacities across Odisha on a rate contract basis is here by cancelled as per the terms of the RfE. It was observed by the tender evaluation committee that, both the L1 & L2 prices in each category were rejected by more than 80 % of the total successful category - A bidders w.r.t RfE Notice no: 5021, dated 31.12.2025 considering the low bidding price which may affect the quality of project work and the subsequent periodic maintenance work.

Details can be seen from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com.** Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

CAD-1645 : OIPR-04065/11/0049/2526

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: E-GSU-ELE-2025-26-OT-4
Dated 26.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Electrical Arrangements for the Proposed Passenger Lifts & Escalators over Bengaluru Division (SBC) under Amrit Bharat Scheme.	Rs. 1,44,03,265.76

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 17.09.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit/ Bengaluru

PUB/421/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 17/2025/SBC Dated: 28.08.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Tender No.	Description in Brief
L8256274	Supply of Overhead double acting concealed door closer device certified as per EN1154, as per Drg. No.: ICF/SK3-5-6-014 Alt h Item No. 5 or as per RCF Drg. No. MI006232 Alt d Item No. 18P. **(Qty: 1100 Nos.)**

Last date for Submission/Tender Due on:
Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 29.09.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru

PUB/423/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking a title investigation on the immovable property more fully described in the '**Schedule**' hereto and hereinafter referred to as '**Schedule Property**'. The said title due diligence is being conducted for and on behalf of our Client who is desirous of acquiring by way of sale, the Schedule Property from its present owners: (i) Mr. B. S. Rama Rao son of late Mr. B. Subbaiah; (ii) Mr. Kashyap B. Ramarao;and (iii) Mr. B. R. Deepak both sons of Mr. B. S. Rama Rao; (iv) Mr. Abhiram Kashyap son of Mr. Kashyap B. Ramarao; and (v) Ms. Advika Rao daughter of B. R. Deepak; (hereinafter collectively referred to as the '**Owners**'). The Owners have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or submit their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof to support such claim/s or objections and must be delivered to us at the address given below within a period of **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the present owners have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas (including 4 Guntas of 'B' kharab land) bearing Survey No. 4/42 (earlier part of Survey No. 4/1), situated at Bandi Kodigenahalli Village (also known as B. K. Halli), Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Additional Taluk, Bangalore. The said property is bounded on the:

East by : Road;
West by : Land in Survey No. 106 (Bande) and portion of Survey No. 2;
North by : Village boundary of B K Halli Ammanikere; and
South by : Portion of Survey No. 2.

Sd/-
Mr. Srinivas B.R., Partner
DSK Legal,
Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor, No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road, Craig Park Layout, Bengaluru – 560025, Tel: 080-69548770.

Place : Bangalore
Date :02.09.2025

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/Tr(O)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-2/2025-26/3856-57 Date: 22.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following Bid Enquiry Numbers on Partial Turnkey Basis.

1) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2299/CALL-2 for Replacement of existing 20KA, 1I/C+4F+1CB of 11kV PCVCB age old ABB make breaker by 25KA MEI make Breaker and providing 2 no's of additional breaker at 66/11kV **Haradanahally** Sub-station in Saligrama Taluk and Mysuru District. **CALL-3. Category: Others**

2) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2300/CALL-2 for Replacement of obsolete 1 no. of 66kV Class ABB make breaker of 66kV R.N.Pura line-2 (Idle bay) at 220/66/11kV **Kushalnagar** R/s in Kushalanagara Taluk, Kodagu District. **CALL-3. Category: Others**

3) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2301/CALL-2 for Providing Additional 2 no's 11kV Switchgears (PCVCB) at 66/11kV **Antharasante** Sub-station, KPTCL in HD.Kote Taluk, Mysuru District. **CALL-4. Category: Others**

4) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2302/CALL-2 for Providing 1 no. of 11kV Switchgear (PCVCB) at 66/11kV B.Matakere Sub-station, KPTCL, Saraguru Taluk, Mysuru District. **CALL-4. Category: Others**

5) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2289/CALL-2 for Replacement by providing 11 no's of age old/sluggish 18.3kA power gear make switchgear (MCVCB) by 11kV, 31.5kA MEI make switchgear (MCVCB) and providing additional 2 no's of Capacitor bank breaker at 66/11kV **K R Nagar** Sub-station, K R Nagar Taluk, Mysuru District. **CALL-2. Category: Others**

6) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2288/CALL-2 for Providing 2 no's of 11kV Breaker for load (MCVCB) at 66/11kV **Maragowdanally** Sub-station, K R Nagar Taluk, Mysuru District. **CALL-2. Category: Others**

7) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2287/CALL-2 for Providing 1 no. of 11kV Breaker for bifurcation of Y operated/ overloaded F3-Ganuru feeder at 66/11kV **Ravanduru** Sub-station, Piriyapattana Taluk, Mysuru District. **CALL-2. Category: CAT-II (A)**

8) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2526 for Providing 1 no. of 11kV PCVCB MEI Make breaker for load bifurcation of F4-Kanchinakere IP feeder at 66/11kV **Bherya** Sub-station, KR Nagara Taluk, Mysuru. **Category: CAT-I**

9) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2527 for Providing 2 no's of 11kV Breaker for load bi-furcation at 66/11kV **Bylakuppe** Sub-station, KPTCL, Piriyapattana Taluk, Mysuru District. **Category: Others**

10) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2529 for Providing 2 no's of Additional 11kV Switchgear (MCVCB) at 66/11kV **Goluru (Geekalli)** Sub-station, KPTCL, Nanjanagudu Taluk, Mysuru District. **Category: ST**

11) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2530 for Providing 3 no's of additional 11kV Switchgear (MCVCB) at 66/33/11kV **Hanagal-Shetalli (Somwarpet)** Sub-station, KPTCL, Somawarpete Taluk, Kodagu District. **Category: CAT(II) A**

12) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2531 for Providing 1 no. of 11kV Breaker for bifurcation of Overloaded F1-Habbanakuppe IP feeder at 66/11kV **Kampalapura** Sub-station, KPTCL, Piriyapattana Taluk, Mysuru District. **Category: SC**

13) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2533 for Providing 1 no. of 11kV Breaker for load bifurcation of overloaded F2-Ramapura at 66/11kV **Saligrama** Sub-station, KPTCL, K R Nagara Taluk, Mysuru District. **Category: Others**

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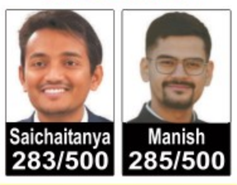

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CACHE

Can an AI image-to-video feature put children at risk?

New Generative AI tools have made it easy to turn your photos into videos with just a tap of the finger, meaning it is easier for children's images to be morphed and misused

Sahana Venugopal

On June 22, Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian posted a childhood photo of his mother and himself. In the picture, both are wearing red sweaters while hugging each other against a mountain backdrop.

Alongside the image, Mr. Ohanian posted an AI-generated video that brought the picture to life: the mother and child cuddle each other as the wind ruffles their hair.

"Damn, I wasn't ready for how this would feel. We didn't have a camcorder, so there's no video of me with my mom," posted Ohanian on X (formerly Twitter). "I dropped one of my favourite photos of us in midjourney as 'starting frame for an AI video' and wow... This is how she hugged me. I've rewatched it 50 times."

The post quickly went viral, and garnered well over 20 million views. While many empathised with Mr. Ohanian's act of turning a cherished family photo into a video, he was also severely criticised. Many X users accused him of creating "false" memories, damaging his ability to grieve his mother in a healthy way, or seeking comfort in an interaction that he manufactured.

The capacity to turn images into videos is not limited to tools like Midjourney. In recent weeks, multi-billionaire Elon Musk announced 'Grok Imagine' for users to generate short videos from text/image prompts. Google, in July, rolled out 'Create' mode in its Photos app to transform photos into short videos for U.S.-based users. There are also other, smaller platforms that offer to turn users' photos into AI videos.

AI tools have been used for years to enhance old media through a process called AI upscaling: removing blurred parts, pixelation, and grain to deliver better output. While GenAI has made this process faster and easier, it also allows users to morph and manipulate images with advanced tools that can remove objects and fill in missing spaces.

The jump in technology comes with legal questions to consider, as permission is usually required before making any significant edits to a copyrighted creation. Furthermore, ethical conundrums also arise when a person manipulates a photo featuring someone who is no longer alive. Significantly, more users need to consider the impact on the photo's most vulnerable subjects – children.

GETTY IMAGES

Children's rights and safety at risk

For instance, cybercriminals can now rapidly create realistic AI videos of minors by using their publicly available photos with ease. In the past, criminals have targeted minors by generating synthetic nude photos of them to extort money. One such case in the U.S. led to a teenager dying by suicide. His family was not aware that the child was being harassed.

Data protection lawyer and AI specialist Kleanthi Sardeli, who works with the Vienna-based NGO noyb and advocates for consumers' digital rights, said that turning still images into video clips could be done for innocent reasons but that there are "serious implications" to consider as well.

"The lower the barriers to creating realistic content, the more we also need to think about ethics, consent and context. A photo can be turned into a convincing video without the knowledge or consent of the person depicted, increasing the risk of deepfakes, defamation and abuse," said Ms. Sardeli, adding that the risks multiplied when photos of children were involved.

She explained that under the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) laws, children cannot legally consent to such use of their personal data, including their image, until they turn 16 years old.

Though experts and lawmakers have called on AI companies to enforce strong guardrails to prevent AI chatbots from generating highly pornographic media, the reality is that many chatbots easily churn out sexual content. What's more, AI firms and their bosses are aggressively promoting their service. For instance, one specific video Mr. Musk shared that promoted Grok Imagine's capability depicted a fantasy-style clip of a winged woman wearing very little clothing.

Across the internet, meanwhile, websites lure users with morphed porn videos, featuring celebrities, and invite users to digitally undress victims of their choice. "Beyond obvious dangers such as CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material), less malicious uses, such as animating a child's photo for advertising or entertainment purposes, can also jeopardise children's privacy, dignity and autonomy," said Ms. Sardeli.

Gatekeepers and guardrails

The Hindu reached out to both Google and xAI about the safeguards in place on these platforms to restrict users from turning photos of children into videos, and whether there are content filters to stop photos from being turned into pornographic content or child abuse material. A Google spokesperson said that the company took child safety online seriously and that the photo-to-video capability in Google Photos could be used with only two prompts: "Subtle movements" and "I'm feeling lucky".

Furthermore, these videos would include an invisible SynthID digital watermark, as well as a visual watermark, the company said.

"Our safety measures include extensive 'red teaming' to proactively identify and address potential issues, as well as thorough evaluations to understand how features can be used and prevent misuse. We also welcome user feedback on issues, which we use to make ongoing improvements to our safety measures and overall experience. We have clear policies and Terms of Service on what kinds of content we allow and don't allow, and build guardrails to prevent abuse," said the Google spokesperson.

"Google Photos is a place to store your memories and we want our users to be able to use its fun creative tools on photos of their friends and family, including their kids, while also prioritising safety," the company said.

xAI did not respond to a request for a statement.

In the U.S., the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has highlighted that it is "deeply concerned" about how Generative AI was being used to sexually exploit children.

"Over the past two years, NCMEC's CyberTipline has received more than 7,000 child sexual exploitation reports involving GAI [Gen AI], and the numbers are expected to grow as we continue to track these trends," stated the organisation on its website.

Meanwhile, Ms. Sardeli noted that existing laws in the EU provided some safeguards but were not specifically designed with AI content in mind. This means EU child protection laws clearly prohibit explicit material, but they are less clear when it comes to synthetic media that is not overtly illegal but is still exploitative or harmful, according to her.

In India, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has issued advisories that require platforms to remove morphed content (including AI deepfakes), and especially if the content is graphic or sexually abusive. Furthermore, platforms such as Meta, Google, and X have appointed grievance officers in India to handle complaints raised by affected users.

"AI providers are beginning to build in safeguards, like detection systems and content filters, but these are uneven across platforms and not always effective. The law is lagging behind the technology. In particular, there is no comprehensive global framework that addresses the misuse of children's likenesses in GenAI," explained Ms. Sardeli.

"Stronger rules around consent, transparency, and accountability are needed, along with technical standards that make it harder to misuse children's photos."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"You're late again! Where have you been?"

"I went to meet Gopa. I needed some money."

"You went to borrow money from that tightwad! You must be joking."

"A tight what?"

"A tightwad. The 'a' in the second syllable wad is pronounced like the 'o' in words like cot, pot and lot."

"I see. But who or what is a tightwad?"

"Do you know what wad means?"

"No, I don't."

"Well, a tight bundle of cloth, paper or bank notes is usually referred to as a wad."

"So, can I say my father gave me a wad of paper?"

"You certainly can. I am sure you would have been much happier if he had given you a wad of bank notes."

"You mean a wad of money? I would have been ecstatic."

"I am sure you would have been. Now that you know what wad means, can you guess what tightwad means?"

"Let me see now. Wad obviously refers to money. So the word tightwad refers to someone who holds on to money tightly. Does the word mean a stingy person?"

"That's right! A tightwad is a miser. For example, I can say, my boss is a real tightwad."

"My father says that most businessmen are tightwads."

"Maybe that's true. Oh, by the way, the word tightwad is commonly used in the U.S., not in Britain."

"That's good to know. Tell me, is there a difference between for ever and forever."

"Yes, there is. When used as two words, it means for all time, eternally. For example, I will love my wife for ever."

"That's easy for you to say. You're not even married! Can I say, I will remember this day for ever?"

"You certainly can. The English thought that their Empire would last for ever."

"Nothing lasts for ever. Now tell me what forever means?"

"Forever means persistently. For example, I can say, my cousin is forever saying that he will retire when he turns 40."

"Can I say, our teacher is forever late to class."

"You certainly can. You are forever asking questions."

"No, I don't. I was..."

"Relax. I was making use of the word forever in a sentence, that's all."

"Oh, I was..."

"...one thing you have to remember. Nowadays, not many people make a distinction between for ever and forever."

"What do you mean?"

"Most people tend to use both as one word, forever. So, they tend to write, I'll love you forever, instead of I'll love you for ever."

"Is it wrong to use it as one word?"

"Not really. It's becoming quite common these days to use it as one word."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Though the Asia Cup cricket tournament has been held 16 times before, only twice has it been held in the T20 format. Here is a quiz on the Asia Cup held in T20 format

Soorya Prakash. N

QUESTION 1
There has been only one occasion where a team has scored 200 or more runs in a match. Which team is it?

QUESTION 2
Who has scored the most runs in the two editions played in T20 format?

QUESTION 3
There have been only two centurions in the Asia Cup played in T20 format. Who scored the first hundred?

QUESTION 4
Who scored the most runs in the 2022 edition?

QUESTION 5
There has only been one occasion when a bowler has taken five or more wickets in an innings. Which bowler holds this distinction?

QUESTION 6
Who took the most wickets in the 2016 edition?

QUESTION 7
Only one Indian pair has posted a century partnership in the Asia Cup T20 format. Who are they?

Visual question:
This field umpire has officiated most of the matches in the Asia Cup played in the T20 format. Name him. AP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:
1. The Titanic wreck was found about 370 miles off the coast of this place in Canada. **Ans: Newfoundland**
2. Name the two institutions involved in the discovery mission. **Ans: U.S.'s Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea**
3. Name the submersible that made the discovery. The images of this part of the ship was sent across first. **Ans: Argo; the giant boilers.**
4. The name given by scientists to iron-eating microorganisms. **Ans: *Halomonas titanicae* commonly called Rusticles**
5. Scientists have attributed this reason as well to the sinking. **Ans: Low-quality steel or weak rivets**
6. Name the company that was granted permission to retrieve artifacts from the wreckage. **Ans: Titanic Ventures, Inc. (later renamed R.M.S. Titanic, Inc.)**
7. In 2024, this bronze statuette was located on the ocean floor. **Ans: Diana**
Visual: Identify this noted American explorer. **Ans: Dr. Robert Ballard**
Early Birds: Sonali Das| Tito Shiladitya| Sudhir Thapa| Arun Kumar Singh| Vikash Kumar

Word of the day

Salacious:
suggestive of or tending to moral looseness; characterised by lust

Synonyms: lustful, lewd, obscene, raunchy

Usage: *Do not indulge in such salacious gossip.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/salaciouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /səˈleɪ.ʃəs/

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MP says Titagarh ready to deliver up to 8 trains by Sept. 30 for Yellow Line

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Namma Metro's Yellow Line gains more traction even with the limited number of trains available, Member of Parliament (MP) of Bengaluru South, Tejasvi Surya, on Monday, said that Titagarh Rail Systems is ready to deliver eight train sets by September 30, but their timely delivery depends on the immediate supply of bogies from China.

Taking to his social media account on X, he said: "I had a detailed conversation with the MD of Titagarh on the speedy supply of more trains for the Yellow Line Metro. He informed me they are ready to deliver up to 8 trains by 30th September; that all other materials are ready except the bogies, which CRRC must bring from China. The only practical solution is for CRRC to air-freight 2 trains' worth of bogies. If shipped by sea, delivery will slip by 30-45 days, causing further delays which are avoidable."

The Yellow Line, which connects to Electronics City, was inaugurated on August 10. At present, it operates with only three trains, leading to a frequency of 25 minutes. K. MURALI KUMAR

"I have already asked BMRCL officials to press CRRC, making it clear that the cost of delay will far exceed the cost of airfreight. I urge DCM D.K. Shivakumar and BMRCL to act immediately do what is needed to for air-freighting the materials. Timely delivery will not only save money but also ease commuter life and generate additional revenue. Delay, on the other hand, will only add to costs," he added.

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Labourer killed, another injured in mud collapse

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A construction labourer was killed and another was injured when a heap of mud collapsed on them while they were involved in digging at a construction site in Yelahanka. The incident occurred on Monday evening at the site of a multi-storied building.

Deceased from A.P.
According to the police, the deceased hailed from Andhra Pradesh and had come to the city to work at the construction site. Another labourer was stuck in the mud, but was rescued by co-workers and passers-by.

He was shifted to a hospital, and is said to be in a critical condition. The identity of the victims is yet to be ascertained. The labourers were digging to lay the foundation for the building. Owing to the rain, the pit filled up and the mud collapsed, officials said.

The Yelahanka police have registered a case against the building owner, site engineer, and contractor.

RCB says it is working closely with BCCI, stadiums to design better crowd management

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) said it is committed to "building safe and inclusive environments", in response to the deadly stampede that occurred in June this year.

'RCB CARES' initiative
As part of the 'RCB CARES' initiative, the franchise stated that it intends to "work closely with stadium authorities, sporting bodies, and league partners to design better crowd management protocols." In a statement on 'X', the 2025 IPL champion committed to "invest in independent research on crowd safety".

RCB announced compensation of ₹25 lakh each to the kin of 11 people who died in the stampede, recently. K. MURALI KUMAR

Framework
This involves creating a fan-safety audit framework, and training on-ground partners on crowd management and emergency response. To provide support beyond financial compensation, and to empower the Siddi community with social development programmes were some of the other initiatives that the franchise intends to implement.

Compensation
On August 30, RCB announced a compensation of ₹25 lakh each to the kin of 11 people who died in the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-Head Office, No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: KIADB/LAQ/32/2025-26 Date: 28.08.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

(As per Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Sec 28(2))

For acquiring the lands in Bandikodagehalli, Hoovinaykanahalli, Meesiganahalli, Bagalur Villages, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District for Industrial Development, under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Sec 28(1), Initial Notification No. CI 32 SPQ 2025 Dated 05.02.2025 as per State Gazette publication dated 05.02.2025 has been published. Notice as per Sec 28(2) has been issued to the concerned Khatedars/Anubhavdars/Interested Persons of the properties detailed below. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence with the objective of providing an opportunity to the property owners/interested persons to submit their objections, enquiry has been fixed on 22.09.2025 at 11.30 AM at the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-Head Office, KIADB (Bengaluru Urban), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavan, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560001. On the said date, if the property owners/interested persons have any objections to the land acquisition process, they can submit their objections to the below mentioned Officer by being present in person or through representatives authorised by them. Objections received after this period will not be considered. In the event of being absent at the enquiry or if written objection is not submitted, then it will be considered that you have no objection to the land acquisition process and further action will be taken as per law. After the publication of this notification under Sec 28(1), any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by Sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise and construction of building and other improvement works cannot be made without prior permission of the competent authority. In case such activities are undertaken, under the provisions of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Sec 30 (while assessing compensation such parts will be disregarded) and the said lands as may be finally acquired and action will be initiated as per law.

Scheduled Properties

Sl. No.	Name of Khatedars/Anubhavdar	Survey No.	Acquisition Area		
			Ainu A-G	Kharabu A-G	Remaining A-G
	Enquiry Date: 22.09.2025 Time: 11.30 AM				
	Village: Bandikodagehalli Hobli: Jala 3 Taluk: Yelahanka District: Bengaluru Urban				
1	Sarkari Gomala	Part of 40	9-20	9-20	-
2	Sarkari Gomala, Munikadarappa S/o Jallappa, Munithayamma D/o Hucchappa, R. Shamanna S/o Late Ramaiaha, B.L. Leelavathy W/o Late D.N. Sathyanna, B.K. Gopalaiah, Khairunnisa W/o Khalid Mohammed, Muniyamma W/o Late Kashimuniappa, Munivenkatamma D/o Late Kashimuniappa, G.L. Reddy Urf G. Lalanath Reddy S/o B.N. Govindareddy, G.L. Reddy Urf G. Lalanath Reddy S/o B.N. Govindareddy, B.S. Leelavathy - Bhu. Pa., G.L. Reddy Urf G. Lalanath Reddy S/o B.N. Govindareddy, G.L. Reddy Urf G. Lalanath Reddy S/o B.N. Govindareddy, Jayaramaiah, Akkamma W/o Late Chikkadasappa.	Part of 74	22-00	22-00	-
	Village: Hoovinaykanahalli Hobli: Jala 3 Taluk: Yelahanka District: Bengaluru Urban				
3	Sarkari Gomala, R. Shamanna S/o Ramaiah, Bacchamma D/o Muninanjappa.	Part of 104	8-00	8-00	-
	Village: Meesiganahalli Hobli: Jala 1 Taluk: Yelahanka District: Bengaluru Urban				
4	Sarkari Gomala,Papaiah S/o Muninagappa, Krishnappa S/o Muniannaiah, Anjanamma W/o Gopal, Ramaiah S/o Dodda Munishamappa, M. Anjinappa S/o Munimariappa, Narayanaswamy S/o Nanjamariappa,Muniraju S/o Munishyamappa, Nanjamariappa S/o Kenchappa, Narayanappa S/o Subbegowda, Narayanappa S/o Subbegowda, Nagappa S/o Yellappa, Nuniappa S/o Nagappa, Ramesh S/o Krishnappa, Munivenkataswamappa S/o Chokkappa, Arunkumar S/o Narayanappa, Chandrappa S/o Late Krishnappa, Thammannappa S/o Munishamappa, M. Ramaiah S/o Muniappa, Chandrika W/o R. Prakash, Anjinamma D/o Late Marappa, Sudhamma W/o Basavaraju, M.P. Prakash S/o Late Patalappa M.P. Veeregowda S/o Late Patalappa, B. Basavaraju S/o Muninanjappa, Syed Mohammed Muneer S/o Syed Abdul Zaheer, B. Basavaraju S/o Muninanjappa, Subbaiah S/o Lakshmaiah, T. Balakrishna S/o R. Thammanna Bhu. Pa., B.A. Nagaraju S/o Anjinappa H., B.A. Kempegowda S/o Late Anajanappa, B.A. Munegowda Bhu-Pa., K. Thimmaiah, Syed Mohammed Muneer S/o Syed Abdul Zaheer, Kenchamma D/o Hobaiah, K. Thimmaiah S/o Kondamuniappa, Ramappa S/o Lakshmaiah, Public Road, G.N. Chandrashekar S/o Late M. Narayanappa, Muniraju B.M. S/o Late Muniappa, Ravichandra S/o Late Muniappa, Muniraju B.M. S/o Late Muniappa, Modali Alias Jayaramareddy.	Part of 35	14-00	14-00	-
	Village: Bagalur Hobli: Jala 3 Taluk: Yelahanka District: Bengaluru Urban				
5	Sarkari Gomala, A. Sudhakarareddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, C. Chandrakanth S/o D. Chowdappa, K.T. Jose S/o K.L. Thomas, Munipoojappa S/o Venkataramanappa, Avalappa S/o Chikkamuniappa, Channakeshava S/o Late Muddanna, Muniappa S/o Marlakuntakariappa, G. Anjinappa S/o Doddakempanna, Munivenkataramanappa S/o Singarappa, Shaukat S/o Late Abdul Kareem Saab Urf Kareem Saab Bhu-Pa., Abdul Khaleel S/o Late Abdul Kareem Saab Urf Kareem Saab Bhu-Pa. Mohammed Inayat Urf Anjinappa, R. Shamanna, A. Subaiah S/o Chikka Anjinappa, Dodda Anjinappa S/o Adooru Pillappa\, Makarappa, B.M. Muniappa, Chikkamuniappa, Chikkamuniappa S/o Adooru Munishamappa,\ Mohammed Hanif, Mohammed Abbas Mohammed Azam S/o B.K. Mohammed Ghouse, Mohammed Hussain, Hajee Abdul Gafar saab, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o Venkatasubbareddy, Venkatasubbaareddy, Janab Hajee Abdul Shuroor Saab Hajee Abdul Shukoor Saab, B.N. Muninarayanappa S/o Narayanappa, K.R. Sandhyarani W/o B.N. Muninarayanappa, Shahataj W/O Mazhar, B.M. Srinivasamurthy S/o Muniappa, Mohammed Rasheed S/o Mohammed Kaleem Ulla, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o Venkatasubbareddy, Bhagyamma W/o B.N. Krishnappa, Ambujakshi D/o Late B.N. Krishnappa, Manjunath S/o Krishnappa, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy Bhu-Pa., A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, Najathaulla W/o Iqbal ahmed, Chikkamuniamma W/o Chikkamuniappa, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy,, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, A. Sudhakar Reddy S/o A. Venkatasubbareddy, Arakkanathal Oman S. S/o E. Oman, Narasimhappa, shivanna, Muniajinappa, Narayanaswamy, Munirajappa, Krishnappa, Devaraja, Papaiah S/o Muninagappa, Muniappa, Venkatappa S/o Marappa, Muniappa S/o Bajijappa, P. Tulasi W/o P. Jagannatharaju, P. Tulasi W/o P. Jagannatharaju, Narasimhaiah S/o M. Narayanappa, Shamanna S/o Ramaiah, Rathnamma W/o Late nanjappa, B.N. Muniraju S/o Late Narayanappa, B. Muniraju S/o Late Basappa, Akkaiamma D/o G. Muniappa, Narayanappa S/o Motappa, Muninarayanappa S/o Venkataswamy, Krishnappa S/o Late Venkataswamy, Narasimha S/o Late Venkataswamy, venkatesh Late Venkataswamy, Ravikumar Late Venkataswamy, Leelamenon W/o Late V. Narayanakutty, Thimmakka D/o Late Doddamuniappa, Kadiramma D/o Late Doddamuniappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Doddamuniappa, Jayamma D/o Late Doddamuniappa, Muthyalamma W/o G. Lakshmaiah, Mariappa, Kenchamma W/o Late Narayanappa, Pillappa S/o Sallapoorappa, Muniappa S/o Late Thippaiah, Chikkamuni S/o Late Thippaiah, Gullappa S/o Late Thippaiah, Narasimhaiah S/o Late Thippaiah, Yenagullappa S/o Doddathimmaiah, Chikkamuniamma W/o Chikkamuniappa, B. Ravi S/o. Byregowda, N.K. Kumaran S/o. Late Kannan, B. Ravi S/o Byregowda Bhu-Pa., Chennakeshava S/o Late Muddanna, B.N. Narayanaswamy S/o Late M. Narasimhappa, Puttappa S/o Munithimmaiah, Janaki W/o Late K.M. Narasimhamurthy, Prithvi S/o Late K.M. Narasimhamurthy, Bharat S/o Late K.M. Narasimhamurthy, R. Abdul Rehman S/o Late Abdul Rasheed, Tasneem K. D/o Late Abdul Kareem, Devanahalli Muniamma W/o Late Devanahalli Muniappa, Muniamma W/o Muninagappa, Manjunath S/o Late Doddamuniappa, Krishnamurthy D. S/o Late Doddamuniappa, Srinivasamurthy D. S/o Late Doddamuniappa, Ramesha D. S/o Late Doddamuniappa, D. Chandrashekar S/o Late Doddamuniappa, Venkatappa S/o Doddadasappa, Vani D/o Late Munidurgappa, Muniappa S/o Late Venkataramanappa, Akkaiamma W/o Narayanappa, Annamma W/o Papaiah, Muninarasimhaiah S/o Late Nanjappa, Pillasontigappa S/o Kukkalappa, G. Bujjamma W/o Narayanreddy, Abbiappa S/o Mangappa, A. Venkataraju S/o Annappa, Naraiamma W/o Late Pennappa, P. Nagaraju S/o Late Pennappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Pennappa, Dasalappa S/o Kaiappa, G. Bujjamma W/o Narayanreddy, Annippa S/o Late Mallasandrada Muniappa, Muninagappa, Thirumalappa, Annappa S/o B.C. Muddanna, Channakeshava S/o B.C. Muddanna, Channakeshava S/o B.C. Muddanna, Channakeshava S/o B.C. Muddanna, Karisonu S/o Late Balajappa, Nannusaabi S/o Gafoor Saabi, Venkataramanappa S/o Poojappa, P. Bacchegowda S/o Late T. Pillappa, Narayanappa S/o Late Patalappa, Akkaiamma D/o Late Patalappa, Chandrashekar B.N. S/o Narayanappa, B.N Narasimhamurthy S/o Narayanappa, Sudharani D/o Narayanappa, Annappa S/o Magappa, Munikadirappa S/o Sakarappa, Leela Menon, K. Changamaraju S/o Ramakrishnaraju, Annamma W/o Abbaiah, Leela Menon W/o Narayanareddy, P. Bacchegowda S/o Late T. Pillappa, Muniamma D/o Late Narasimaiah, Suresh D. S/o Late Narasimaiah,Anjinamma D/o Late Narasimaiah, Chinnamma D/o Late Narasimaiah, Rathnamma W/o Late Narasimaiah, M. Venkatesh S/o Munishamappa, Leela Menon W/o Late N.K. Menon, Muniappa S/o Singappa, A. Sudhakareddy S/o Venkatasubbareddy, S.M. Bhadrachari S/o Munishamachari, Kamalamma W/o Late Annippa, Anneshappa S/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Akkaiamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Muninarasamma W/o Late Vasudeva, Narayanaswamy S/o Late Nagarajappa, Muniraju S/o Late Nagarajappa, Munirathna S/o Late Nagarajappa, Kamalamma W/o Late Annippa, Anneshappa S/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Akkaiamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Muninarasamma W/o Late Vasudeva, Narayanaswamy S/o Late Nagarajappa, Muniraju S/o Late Nagarajappa, Munirathna S/o Late Nagarajappa, B.H. Suresh S/o Late Hanumappa, Narayanamma W/o Late Munishamappa	Part of 176	11-15	11-15	-

6.	B.H. Suresh S/o Late Hanumappa	487	1-10	-	1-10
7.	Kamalamma W/o Late Annippa, Anneshappa S/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Akkaiamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Muninarasamma W/o Late Vasudeva, Narayanaswamy S/o Late Nagarajappa, Muniraju S/o Late Nagarajappa, Munirathna S/o Late Nagarajappa	489	2-00	-	2-00
8.	P. Sallappa S/o Late Pillappa, P. Kariappa S/o Late Pillappa	490	2-00	-	2-00
9.	S.K. Parthasarathiraju S/o Late S.K. Narasaraju, K. Ritesh Kumar S/o Kishan Lal	491	3-00	-	3-00
10.	B.N. Muniraj S/o Late Narayanappa	492	1-00	-	1-00
11.	Kamalamma W/o Late Annippa, Anneshappa S/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Narayanamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Akkaiamma D/o Late Munivenkataramanappa, Muninarasamma W/o Late Vasudeva, Narayanaswamy S/o Late Nagarajappa, Muniraju S/o Late Nagarajappa, Munirathna S/o Late Nagarajappa	493	1-20	-	1-20
12.	B.M. Venkatesh S/o Late Muniraju, B.M. Munikrishna S/o Late Muniraju	494	1-00	-	1-00
13.	Manjunath, Krishnamurthy D., Srinivasamurthy D., Chandrashekar D., Doddamuniappa	495	1-20	-	1-20
14.	Vani D/o Munidurgaiah	496	0-30	-	0-30
15.	D. Kaiappa S/o Late Dalappa, D. Muniraju S/o Late Dalappa	497	2-00	-	2-00
16.	Annamma W/o Papaiah	501	0-20	-	0-20
17.	A. Venkataraju S/o Annappa	502	1-30	-	1-30
18.	Muniappa S/o Singarappa	503	0-20	-	0-20
19.	Rathnamma W/o Late Nanjappa	504	1-00	0-01.12	0-38.04
20.	Anneppa S/o Late Mallasandrada Muniappa	505	1-30	0-03	1-27
21.	Narayanamma W/o Late Pennappa	506	1-00	-	1-00
22.	Narayanappa S/o Motappa	507	1-00	0-02.04	0-37.12
23.	B.N. Narayanaswamy S/o Late M. Narasimhappa	508	2-00	0-02	1-38
24.	Kenchamma W/o Late Narayanappa	509	1-20	-	1-20
25.	Abbaiah S/o Mangappa	510	1-20	-	1-20
26.	Mathyalamma W/o G. Lakshmaiah, Doddamuniappa	511	1-10	-	1-10
27.	Thimmakka D/o Late Doddamuniappa	512	1-00	0-10.12	0-29.04
28.	Devanahalli Muniamma W/o Devanahalli Muniappa	513	0-30	0-04.12	0-25.04
29.	Muniamma W/o Muninagappa	521	0-30	0-03-04	0-26.12
30.	Nannusaabi S/o Gafoor Saabi	522	0-15	0-05.12	0-09.04

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-Head Office, KIADB (Bengaluru Urban), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/1293/2025-26 **Date: 30.08.2025**

FORM-I
NOTIFICATION {Under Sec 14B(4)(i)}

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The CHIEF COMMISSIONER, BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE for **Widening of Varanasi Main road from T.C Palya Main Road (Aneppa Circle) to Varanasi Village Boundary (Upto BBMP Limit) as per RMP-2015 for the width of 18.0m (Ch:0.00m to Ch:1435.00m).** It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz, (i) Sale /Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (V) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Date and Time
The Deputy Commissioner(LAQ & TDR) Room No: 208, 2nd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002.	Executive Engineer Road Infrastructure Mahadevapura Division, BBMP	30 days from the date of Notification. Time : 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M.

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike.

The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR), BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

"Acquisition of land required for **Widening of Varanasi Main road from T.C Palya Main Road (Aneppa Circle) to Varanasi Village Boundary (Upto BBMP Limit) as per RMP-2015 for the width of 18.0m (Ch:0.00m to Ch:1435.00m).**

Sl No	Sy No/ Khatha No	Type of Land	Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot and extent in sq.m		Boundaries of the land /plot				Building Details			Present activity on Land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment individual house etc.,	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sqm			Name and address of the owner of as per RTC/ Plan Sanction details/DRC already issued	Remarks
		Vacant / Built up	Agriculture	Converted Undeveloped	Approved layout / developed land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	East	West	North	South	Extent in Sqm	Type of Construction	Floor area Ratio		Agriculture/ B-Khatha Converted Undeveloped	A Khatha, Developed Site			
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bangalore East** Name of the Village: **Kawdenahalli**																				
1	7	Vacant Land	-			1340.93		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No.07	Varanasi Village Bondary	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	7,907/-	26,600/-	38,000/-	Smt. Anemma W/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Madappa S/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Nagesh S/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Narayanaswamy S/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Govindayya S/o Lt. Aneppa	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.7 (LHS)
2	7	Vacant Land	-			240.34		Sy. No 8/2	Existing Road	Existing Road	Sy. No 8/2	-	-	-	-	7,907/-	26,600/-	38,000/-	Smt. Anemma W/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Madappa S/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Nagesh S/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Narayanaswamy S/o Lt. Aneppa, A. Govindayya S/o Lt. Aneppa	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.7 (RHS)
3	8/2	Vacant Land	-			177.12		Remaining portion of Sy. No 8/2	Sy. No 7	Sy. No 8/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 8/2	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	G. Shyamanna S/o Gundappareddy	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.8
4	8/1	Vacant Land	-			903.15		Remaining portion of Sy. No8/1	Existing Road	Varanasi Village Bondary	Remaining portion of Sy. No8/1	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Smt. Anemma W/o Lt. Aneppa	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.8
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bangalore East** Name of the Village: **Varanasi**																				
5	51/1	Vacant Land	-			153.21		Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/1	Existing Road	Sy No.51/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/1	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Murugesha P. S/o Ponnuswamy, Annappa S/o Chowdappa	RHS
6	51/1	Vacant Land	Vacant Land			133.98		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/1	Sy No.51/2	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Murugesha P S/o Ponnuswamy, Annappa S/o Chowdappa	LHS
7	51/2	Vacant Land	-			217.2		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/2	Sy No.51/3	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Manjunatha S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	LHS
8	51/2	Vacant Land				214.14		Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/3	Existing Road	Sy No.51/3	Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/2	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Manjunatha S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	RHS
9	51/3	Vacant Land	-			216.96		Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/3	Existing Road	SY No.52	Remaining portion of Sy. No 51/3	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	RHS
10	51/3	Vacant Land	-			214.55		Existing Road	SY No.51/4	SY No.52	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	LHS
11	52/3	Vacant Land	-			428.86		Existing Road	Sy. No 52/2	Sy No.52/1	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	LHS
12	52/3	Vacant Land	-			403.02		Remaining portion of Sy. No 52/3	Existing Road	Sy No.52/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 52/3	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	RHS
13	52/1	Vacant Land	Vacant Land			275.95		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 52/1	SY NO.53	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	LHS
14	52/1	Vacant Land	-			280.52		Remaining portion of Sy. No 52/1	Existing Road	SY NO.53	Remaining portion of Sy. No 52/1	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	RHS
15	53/1	Vacant Land	-			411.89		Remaining portion of Sy. No 53/1	Existing Road	Sy No.54/1	Remaining portion of Sy. No 53/1	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Manjunatha S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah, C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	RHS
16	53/1	Vacant Land	-			404.48		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 53/1	Sy No.54/2	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Manjunatha S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah, c. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	LHS
17	54/2	Vacant Land	-			917.47		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 54/2	SY NO.55	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	LHS
18	54/1	Vacant Land	-			136.61		Remaining portion of Sy. No 54/1	Existing Road	Sy No.54/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No 54/1	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Manjunatha S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	-
19	54/2	Vacant Land	-			774.31		Remaining portion of Sy. No 54/2	Existing Road	SY NO.55	Remaining portion of Sy. No 54/2	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	C. Harish S/o Lt. J.C. Chandraiah	RHS
20	55	Vacant Land	-			175.8		Remaining portion of Sy. No 55	Existing Road	Sy No.48	Remaining portion of Sy. No 55	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Munivenkatappa, D. Ganesh S/o Doddamuni Nagappa, Akkayyamma, Chikkolamma W/o Lt. Kuntappa	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.55 (RHS)
21	55	Vacant Land	-			388.88		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Sy. No 55	Gramatana	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Munivenkatappa, D. Ganesh S/o Doddamuni Nagappa, Akkayyamma, Chikkolamma W/o Lt. Kuntappa	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.55 (LHS)
22	48/1	Vacant Land	-			90.26		Remaining portion of Sy. No 48/1	Existing Road	Sy No.48/2	Remaining portion of Sy. No 48/1	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Ammini Styanli W/o Dr. K. M. Styanli	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.48
23	48/2	Vacant Land	-			61.83		Remaining portion of Sy. No 48/2	Sy No.55	Sy No.48/3 & Gramatana	Remaining portion of Sy. No 48/2	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Muniramaiah, Chikkamuniramaiah, Govindappa, Chikkamuniramaiah @ Maarimutthu, Ammini Styanli W/o K. M. Styanli, M. Shriramaiah S/o Motappa & Original Khathedar	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.48
24	55	Vacant Land	-			47.2		Sy no 48	Existing Road	Gramatana	Sy no 48	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Munivenkatappa, D. Ganesh S/o Doddamuni Nagappa, Akkayyamma, Chikkolamma W/o Lt. Kuntappa	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.55 (RHS)
25	48/3	Vacant Land	-			15.22		Remaining portion of Sy. No 48/3	Gramatana	Gramatana	Remaining portion of Sy. No 48/3	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Ravikumar S/o Chitthappa, M. Shriramaiah S/o Motappa, N. Hemaraj	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.48
26	Gramatana	Vacant Land	-			56.32		Sy no 48	Existing Road	Private property	Sy no 48	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Krishnamurthy and Nagarathnamma	-
27	Gramatana (Khatha No.1/1)	Vacant Land	-			105.30		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Gramatana	Road	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Krishnamurthy and Nagarathnamma	-
28	Gramatana	Vacant Land	-			54.42		Remaining portion of Gramatana	Existing Road	Private property	Remaining portion of Gramatana	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Hemaraju N.Narayanappa	-
29	Gramatana	Vacant Land	-			53.38		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Gramatana	Road	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Venugopala Swamy Temple	-
30	Gramatana	Vacant Land	-			41.34		Remaining portion of Gramatana	Existing Road	Road	Remaining portion of Gramatana	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Manjunath N, Narayanappa	-
31	Gramatana	Vacant Land	-			28.88		Remaining portion of Gramatana	Existing Road	Private property	Remaining portion of Gramatana	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Ramakrishnappa, Harish	-
32	Gramatana (Khatha No.59/39, 51/40)	Vacant Land	-			44.49		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Gramatana	Private property	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Revanna Ullurappa & Others	-
33	Gramatana (Khatha No.50/39, 51/40)	Vacant Land	-			48.62		Remaining portion of Gramatana	Existing Road	Private property	Remaining portion of Gramatana	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Revanna Utnellappa S/o Somanna	-
34	Gramatana	Vacant Land	-			61.56		Remaining portion of Gramatana	Existing Road	Private property	Remaining portion of Gramatana	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Chikkaramaiah, J.C.Narayanappa & Others	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.8
35	Gramatana (Khatha No.46/16, 35, 36/371)	Vacant Land	-			58.22		Existing Road	Remaining portion of Gramatana	Private property	Existing Road	-	-	-	-	8,648/-	28,000/-	40,000/-	Muniyappa, Shamaraj	DRC issued to some part of the land in Sy No.7

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Campaign against Dharmasthala is part of Cong. conspiracy: BJP

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi says appeasement of minorities is in the blood of the Congress; BJP organised rally to seek a probe by NIA or CBI into what it called a 'larger conspiracy' against the temple and its administrators

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Dharmasthala *chalo* rally by the BJP on Monday saw the party leaders launching a scathing attack on the Congress, with Union Minister Pralhad Joshi alleging that the campaign against the Dharmasthala Manjunatheswara temple and its administrators was 'part of the Congress' conspiracy against the majority'.

Speaking in the temple town on Monday, the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New and Renewable Energy called the 'musukudhari' (masked man), the complainant in the Dharmasthala case who has been arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), a 'friend of the Congress'.

The BJP had organised the rally to seek a NIA or CBI inquiry into what the party called a 'larger conspiracy' against the temple and its managers using the SIT probe into the alleged burial of bodies in Dharmasthala village between 1995 and 2014.

The long walk: State BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra and other leaders during the Dharmasthala *chalo* rally on Monday. PTI

Mr. Joshi alleged that appeasement of minorities is in the blood of the Congress.

"The Congress even tried to discredit Operation Sindoor against Pakistan-backed terrorists. Former Home Minister P. Chidambaram even asked for proof to confirm that the terrorists were from Pakistan. When terrorists attacked Mumbai in 2008, the Congress tried to project it as an attack by some Hindus, to appease minorities," he alleged.

Referring to the State government allowing the SIT to dig near the Bahubali Betta in Dharmasthala to search for bodies during its ongoing investigation, Mr. Joshi asked whether the government would have shown the courage to allow digging near places of worship of any other religion in such situations.

Calling the Congress government as 'ultra leftist', Mr. Joshi criticised Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar for terming the Chamundi Hills in Mysuru as not the property of Hindus alone.

The Union Minister said that the government allowed a smear campaign against Dharmasthala temple and the conduct of its religious leaders as it is unable to tolerate the growth of Hindutva in the coastal region.

"The Congress was not able to grow in the belt during the last four decades," he said.

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra cautioned the State government against taking the programme lightly.

A probe by either the NIA or the CBI could expose the conspiracy behind the targeting of the Dharmasthala temple. He questioned the government constituting the SIT even before conducting a thorough inquiry of the complainant.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok said that 'urban Naxals' (or Maoists) are behind the conspiracy to defame Dharmasthala. A probe by the NIA or the CBI is required as the link to the case extends beyond Karnataka to Kerala and Tamil Nadu and abroad, he alleged. "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is surrounded by a Naxal gang," he alleged.

Many people from different parts of Karnataka attended the rally.

'BJP workers trying to bring bad name to Dharmasthala'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said the BJP's core workers have been trying to bring a bad name to Dharmasthala and alleged that the issue of mass burials was a conspiracy by the BJP.

Speaking to reporters here on the day the BJP organised a massive rally to Dharmasthala, Mr. Shivakumar asked: "Are they not satisfied with the investigation conducted by the SIT?"

Factional feud

Referring to the factional feud in the BJP, he said: "There are two factions fighting internally in the BJP. All this is their own conspiracy".

Earlier, the BJP demanded that the SIT should be formed and Opposition leaders had welcomed it, he said. "Now they are enacting a drama," Mr. Shivakumar retorted.

When asked about the BJP's demand for an NIA investigation, he said: "The BJP has never said that Dharmasthala should get justice."

HC refuses to quash chargesheet against 'kingpin' in Valmiki corporation case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday refused to quash a criminal case against G. Satyanarayana Varma, a Hyderabad-based civil contractor, who has been described as 'kingpin' in the case involving misappropriation of over ₹89 crore of the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

"The chargesheet paints the petitioner not as a passive bystander, but as the very kingpin of the fraudulent design. The wealth of detail in the investigation, recovery of cash and gold, and the labyrinth of transactions alleged are all matters demanding the crucible of a full trial," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the second petition filed by Varma, whose first petition questioning the legality of his arrest was dismissed.

"This court finds no scintilla of merit in the present petition. Law cannot bend to repeated challenges, devoid of new substance nor can it ignore the gravity of allegations that undoubtedly wants an adjudication in a full trial," the court said.

Noticing that ₹8 crore in cash and 5 kg of gold were found in the house of the petitioner, the court said the explanation for it had not come forward, and even if it had come forward, it had to be tested in evidence during the trial.

The money that had to be spent for the uplift of Scheduled Tribes, the avowed objective with which the Valmiki corporation was created, was allegedly swindled by the accused named in the chargesheet, the court noted.

The allegation against the petitioner is that about ₹90 crore was fraudulently transferred from the account of the corporation to accounts opened in the names of fictitious business entities with the help of the petitioner, who also allegedly received part of the money through the other accused in the form of cash and gold.

BJP will not gain politically from rally, says Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said the BJP will not gain politically from the Dharmasthala *chalo* yatra.

Speaking to reporters after inaugurating a new school building in Siddaramanahundi on Monday, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the BJP had undertaken the yatra with a political motive.

Making it clear that he also held immense respect for Dharmasthala and the Manjunatha temple, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the BJP, which did not raise its voice when the Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted, began opposing it later. "Isn't this hypocrisy?" he asked.

When his attention was drawn to the Chamundeshwari *chalo* yatra planned by the saffron party, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the BJP was hoping to unite Hindus and make Hindutva stronger. "But, I am also a Hindu. Have I not built a Ram mandir in my village? he asked, before pointing out that being a Hindu does not mean one has to indulge in politics and spread false propaganda or tell lies. He emphasised the importance of having "humanity".

Pointing out that the BJP, "which knows nothing but telling lies", was also politicising Dasara festival.

He said the State government had invited writer Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Dasara as a mark of respectto the writer, who had received the Booker Prize. Very few people have received such a honour, he said.

However, Mr Siddaramaiah said the politics being played by BJP will not have any effect on Dasara festival.

With regard to the row over Chamundi Hills, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the issue was not about Chamundi Hills, but about Dasara. It was a people's festival, which is celebrated by everyone including Hindus, Muslims, Christians, and Buddhists.

'Hold talks with HAL on hiring helicopters'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said senior officials have been directed to take into confidence Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and study the system of hiring helicopters prevalent in other States for using helicopters/planes for official work in Karnataka.

Mr. Shivakumar chaired a meeting and said the issue of hiring helicopters/aircrafts was pending before the government.

Senior officers have been directed to study the issue in detail and submit a report to him, Mr. Shivakumar said.

State secures spot on National Quantum Mission board

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

In a significant move towards cooperative federalism and deep-tech development, Karnataka has secured representation in the Hub Governing Board (HGB) of the National Quantum Mission (NQM).

Following a prompt from G. Kumar Naik, Lok Sabha member from Raichur, the Union government acknowledged the need for State participation.

On August 31, the Karnataka government nominated a senior officer for the role.

The development follows a concerted effort that began with Mr. Naik raising the issue in the Lok Sabha on August 11, under Rule 377.

Responding to Mr. Naik's intervention, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh promised that representatives from State governments would be given an active role in the highest-level decision-making process.

In a swift response, the State government, through an order issued by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh on August 31, confirmed the nomination of Ekrup Caur, Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Bio Technology (ITBT), as the nodal officer for the HGB, to be located in the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru.

Convicts are entitled for remission even if sentence is for specified term: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Convicts are entitled to being considered for remission even if the sentence is beyond 20 years or for a specified term, unless the order of sentence makes it clear that the convict shall not be entitled for premature release or remission or parole or the like, said the High Court of Karnataka.

The court pointed out that Rule 164 of Karnataka Prisons and Correctional Services Manual, 2021, is clear that there is no particular embargo on the convict being entitled for remission if the sentence is for 20 years or more, or even for a particular period beyond 20 years.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Deepa Angadi, who had questioned the rejection of plea for remission of her husband, brother-in-law, and mother-in-law, who were sentenced to 21 years in 2013 in a murder case.

A trial court in Belagavi in 2008 imposed the death penalty on Siddappa, husband, Siddalingappa, brother-in-law, and Mallavva, mother-in-law of the petitioner, and the High Court in 2013 modified it to imprisonment for 21 years with the benefit of remission.

Their application for remission of sentence was rejected by the prison authorities for the reason that the imprisonment is for a specific period of 21 years.

However, the High Court clarified that there was no condition in the 2013 order that the convicts would not be entitled for remission or parole.

Pointing out that the remission system, which comes with some conditions, aims at the reformation of prisoners, the court said that "remission is held out as a carrot for the detenu so that they behave properly with discipline and good conduct with the hope of being released early by remitting the sentence", though remission is not a right for any prisoner.

Citing a Supreme Court's order which stated that convicts sentenced to life are entitled for remission only after 14 years of imprisonment, the High Court said that the petitioner's relatives are entitled to be considered for remission as they had completed over 14 years.

Karnataka received more than normal rainfall between June 1 and September 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka between this June 1 and September 1 received 786 mm rainfall as against a normal of 675.6 mm during the southwest monsoon. However, seven districts, including Kodagu, Shivamogga, Bengaluru South (formerly Ramanagara) and Hassan, have reported deficient rainfall.

People scoot for shelter as rains lash Bengaluru on Monday evening. K. MURALI KUMAR

Departure of 16%

According to India Meteorological Department's (IMD) seasonal cumulative rainfall data, there was a departure of 16% rain during this period.

The three meteorological sub-divisions in the State [coastal, north Interior and south interior] also saw a departure in rainfall during this period.

Coastal Karnataka received 3,103.6 mm rain as against a normal of 2,790.5 mm with a departure of 11%.

Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada saw a departure of 5%, 5%, and 18%, respectively.

North interior Karnataka received 508.8mm rain as against the normal of 344.8 mm with a departure of 48%.

However, seven districts reported deficient rainfall during this period

The 11 districts in this sub-division [Bagalkot, Belagavi, Bidar, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, Vijayapura, and Yadgir] received more than normal rainfall. Vijayapura topped the list with 450.9 mm as against a normal of 246.6 mm with a departure of 83%, followed by Gadag which received 427.3 mm rainfall as against a normal of 236 mm with a departure of 81%.

South interior Karnataka received 561.8 mm rain as against the normal 534.4 mm with a departure of 5%. Ballari (departure of 61%), Chickballapur (29%), Chikkamagaluru (34%), Chitradurga (98%), Davangere (57%), Kolar (25%), Mandya (47%), Mysuru (3%), Tumakuru (31%), and Vijayanagara (61%) received more than the normal rainfall during the three months.

Deficient rainfall

However, Bengaluru Rural (departure of -9%), Bengaluru Urban (-10%), Chamarajanagar (-2%), Hassan (-30%), Kodagu (-12%), Bengaluru South (-40%), and Shivamogga (-27%) recorded deficient rainfall.

This year, the southwest monsoon arrived earlier than expected in the last week of May.

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SC issues notice over 'denial' of Samagra Shiksha funds to T.N.

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court decided to step in after Tamil Nadu complained on Monday about having to bear over ₹3,000 crore in reimbursements to private schools for admissions to economically disadvantaged students under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, after the Centre refused to part with its share under the Samagra Shiksha scheme.

A Bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath issued formal notice to the Centre on an appeal by the State against a Madras High Court decision of June 10, which delinked the reimbursements under the RTE Act from the Centre's financial obligations to Tamil Nadu under the scheme. The 2009 Act requires private school managements to admit children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to the extent of 25% of their strength in entry-level classes free of charge. The State is obliged to reimburse the schools.

Doubts raised

The Centre had argued in the High Court that "there are issues regarding disbursement of funds" under the Samagra Shiksha scheme as Tamil Nadu had refused to implement the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). The State had raised doubts about the three-language policy of NEP 2020 with a premium on Hindi, viewing it as a challenge to regional linguistic diversity.

Appearing for Tamil Nadu, senior advocate P. Wilson submitted that the Centre and State had concurrent responsibility to fund the education of poor and disadvantaged children under Section 7 of the RTE Act, 2009.

"The Madras High Court erred in ruling that only the State is primarily responsible for these expenditures. The Madras High Court had directed the State to bear the entire financial responsibility for the 2025-2026 academic year. It should have also directed the Central government to contribute," Mr. Wilson argued.

Arbitrary move

He said that the Centre's insistence on linking fund disbursement under Samagra Shiksha scheme to comply with NEP guidelines was arbitrary. The Bench ordered the Centre to respond to the State's petition in four weeks.

"It is common knowledge that the Central government has been propagating its political agendas through the Samagra Shiksha scheme. A disagreement in political ideology cannot become an obstacle for a State government from implementing the provisions of the Samagra Shiksha scheme and the RTE Act. Unless both the Central and the State governments work in unison, the provisions of the RTE Act and Samagra Shiksha Scheme cannot be implemented in their full spirit," the Tamil Nadu petition said.

2 more die of 'brain-eating amoeba' infection in Kerala

The death toll due to amoebic meningoencephalitis in the State this year has risen to three; so far, 42 cases have been reported; the infection mainly spread through contaminated water

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

Two more people lost their lives to amoebic meningoencephalitis at the Government Medical College Hospital (MCH) in Kozhikode district of Kerala on Sunday.

The deceased included a three-month-old infant, who had been undergoing treatment at the hospital for nearly a month. The infant, who died is suspected to have contracted the disease from the well water used at home.

The other deceased is Ramla, 52, from Kannamangalam in Malappuram district. She started treatment on July 8. She was shifted to the Intensive Care Unit at the MCH. Her condition further worsened on August 26 and she died on Sunday.

The death toll due to amoebic meningoencephalitis in Kerala this year has now risen to three. A nine-year-old girl had died due to the illness on August 14 at the MCH. Of the 13 still under treatment, eight are at MCH. So far, 42 cases have been reported.

The 'brain-eating amoeba,' enters the human body through the nose from contaminated water, while bathing or swimming. The common symptoms of the infection are fever, headache, nausea and vomiting, experienced within five to 10 days of contracting it.

There are two variants of the infection, primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) and granulomatous amoebic encephalitis (GAE), the latter being the one reported in Kerala now. The mortality rate is normally 95%.

The Health Department has launched a State-wide drive to ensure the cleanliness of waterbodies through chlorination as a precautionary measure.

Risky dip: The pond in Kozhikode where the nine-year-old girl who died by the infection is said to have taken bath. K. RAGESH

KCR being made a scapegoat: Kavitha

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Telangana Jagruti president and Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha blamed former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao and her cousin Joginapally Santosh Rao as the persons behind former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) being 'framed' in the P.C. Ghose Commission of Inquiry on Kaleshwaram project.

Ms. Kavitha told pressmen that KCR was being made a scapegoat in the controversy. She accused Mr. Harish Rao and Mr. Santosh Rao of a central role in the alleged irregularities.

She also said that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was "protecting" them. "My father is being unfairly targeted while the real culprits are being shielded," she said.

CM vows to establish *Ramarajya* in A.P.

K. Umashanker
RAJAMPETA

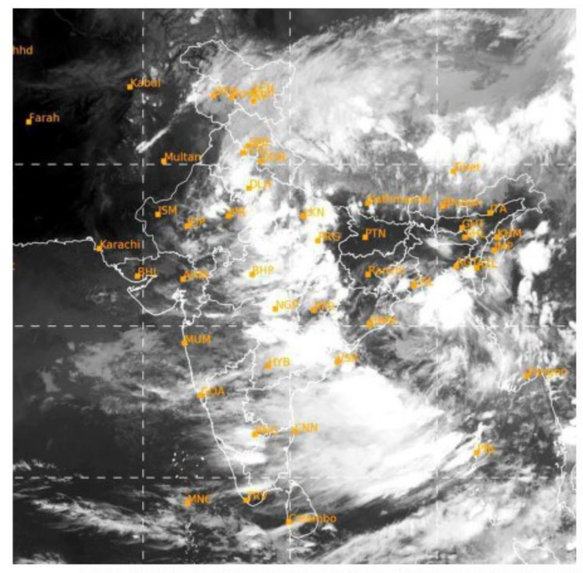
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday charged the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) regime with destroying Andhra Pradesh's future, misusing welfare schemes and misappropriating public funds, and stalling major irrigation projects.

Addressing a public meeting at Boiyanapalli village of Annamayya district, the Chief Minister reiterated that his mission was to rebuild the State and to transform the drought-hit Rayalaseema into a *"Ratanala Seema"* (Land of Gems).

"With reforms in irrigation, investments, and welfare schemes, we will rebuild Andhra Pradesh into a *Ramarajya*. With people's support, I can even move mountains if necessary," Mr. Naidu said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	13	36.7	27.3	Kozhikode	1	32.3	24.6
Ahmedabad	0.4	31.7	26.1	Kurnool	—	31.2	24.0
Aizawl	—	34.7	23.2	Lucknow	53.2	29.1	23.3
Allahabad	—	32.6	26.0	Madurai	—	37.5	26.1
Bengaluru	4	27.6	20.6	Mangaluru	12.2	28.7	23.6
Bhopal	18	30.4	23.2	Mumbai	7	30.5	24.6
Bhubaneswar	—	33.7	24.3	Mysuru	—	29.0	20.0
Chandigarh	77	25.9	22.7	New Delhi	—	30.8	23.7
Chennai	—	34.2	25.4	Patna	—	36.0	28.6
Coimbatore	—	32.7	23.2	Port Blair	51	28.3	23.7
Dehradun	32	24.9	22.2	Puducherry	—	31.4	23.6
Gangtok	35	25.8	17.7	Pune	1.4	30.9	23.4
Goa	13	29.7	24.5	Raipur	—	31.5	24.6
Guwahati	0.1	35.8	26.7	Ranchi	—	32.2	23.6
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	2	28.0	18.2
Hyderabad	0.7	28.4	22.5	Shimla	116	18.0	15.0
Imphal	—	32.2	27.3	Srinagar	—	28.6	17.5
Jaipur	33	28.1	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	1	30.9	24.4
Kochi	6	29.4	25.2	Tiruchi	—	35.5	26.4
Kohima	12	—	17.5	Vijayawada	9	31.6	24.0
Kolkata	—	35.1	27.6	Visakhapatnam	0.2	33.6	26.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.11	..50	37	 20	56	.....
Bengaluru	...9	..48	60	..... —	87	.....
Chennai	.10	..15	60	 49	57	.....
Delhi	.36	..26	80	 64	71	.....
Hyderabad	.19	..20	32	 86	89	.....
Kolkata	...8	..76	25	 26	42	.....
Lucknow	.10	..35	58	 78	78	.....
Mumbai	.27	..18	31	 60	68	.....
Pune	..—	..22	71	 31	58	.....
Visakhapatnam	.10	..48	26	 62	.....—	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 291 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Patiala, Punjab recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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This is to inform you that my client **Mr. S. R. Suresh Babu**, S/o. S Rathnaiah Setty, resident of Nehru Road, Srinivaspur, Kolar District, has lost the original of the Sale Deed **dt.09.03.1999**, registered as Doc. No.7587/98-99 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk on 12.3.1999, relating to the property bearing Site No.4, Assessment Register No.3/3B, Khatha No.142/1 situated at Basavanapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West : 42 feet; North to South : 30 feet totally measuring 1260 Sq. feet while travelling from Srinivaspur to Bangalore. Inspite of best efforts he could not trace the same and in this regard on 28.08.2025 he lodged a Police Complaint through online vide Lost Report No.1773436/2025. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to below said address.

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Residential property bearing Site Nos. 49&50 in Layout known as "ATHEENA SAI CITY" formed in converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 98 & 99. old Khata No.66, present Village Panchayath (11-B) E-Khata bearing Property No. 66/49/50, PID No. 150200401700320914 measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, total measuring 1800 Sq. Ft. together with residential building constructed thereon and bounded on the : East by : 20 Feet Road, West by : 40 Feet Road, North by: Site No. 48, South by : 30 Feet Road.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
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K. V. Narendra & Associates, Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main,
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Ph: **9945109229/9591067392.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Mr. Annamalai K.,** aged about 42 years, son of Mr. N. Kumar, residing at No. 146, 2nd Main, Sonnanhalli Further Extension, Viveknagar, Bangalore - 560047, Aadhaar No. 9577 3638 1077, have agreed to purchase the schedule property, from its owner, **Mr. K.Mohan Kumar,** aged about 49 years, son of Late. Keshavalu Venkatappa Naidu, residing at No. 8, 4th A cross, ITI Colony, Kathriguppa Main Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Bangalore-560 085.

Any person/s having any claim over the schedule property or having any objection to the proposed sale, may kindly lodge their objections within 10 days of this notice, with documentary evidence, to the undersigned. If no objections are received, my client will proceed further with the purchase and any objections raised after the said period shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.9 (Old Property No.121/1, V.P.Khata No.98, House List No.121/1), situated at 6th Cross, Ejipura (earlier Ejipura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), Bangalore, now coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, BBMP Ward No.148 (earlier ward No.68), Ejipura Ward, measuring East to West: 35 feet and North to South: 38 feet, in all measuring 1330 sq.ft., together with the residential building constructed thereon, with a built-up area of 800 sq.ft. and bounded on the:

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Place: Bangalore
Date: 21.08.2025

Sd/-
Jessie Thomas,
Advocate, B.A., LL.B., LL.M.
No. 4, (Old No. 319/3), First Floor, 20th 'C' Cross, Opp. Indoor Stadium 80 feet Road, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095.
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07	33251273	Phonic Wheel (Toothed Wheel)	1996 Nos.	**24.09.2025**
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Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban Dist, Bangalore.
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UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT
Office of the Estate Officer, Udyanagiri, Near Simikeri By-Pass, Bagalkot –587104
No: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-204/2025-26 Date: 01-09-2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	Last date and time for tender queries/ clarification.	12–06–2025	@	14.00 Hrs
2	Pre bid meeting (Applicable for Sl.No. 02 item only)	15–09–2025	@	11.00 Hrs
3	Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	03–10–2025	@	16.00 Hrs
4	Date and time for opening of Technical Bid	06–10–2025	@	11.00 Hrs
5	Date and time for opening of Financial Bid (if possible)	08–10–2025	@	12.00 Hrs

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Another chance

Allowing objections beyond deadline may help wrongly excluded voters

The Supreme Court of India's September 1 order on Bihar's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise offers a crucial lifeline to voters who found themselves wrongfully excluded from the draft electoral rolls. The Court's ruling and the Election Commission of India's (ECI) clarification that claims and objections can continue to be filed even after the deadline, represent a welcome move in an exercise that has raised questions about transparency and fairness. The ECI has confirmed that applications submitted after September 1 will be considered after the electoral roll is finalised, with the process continuing until the last date for filing of nominations. This ensures that inclusions and exclusions can be integrated into the final roll, providing excluded voters with a meaningful opportunity for redress through their Aadhaar card. However, the ECI's numbers raise a curious question. While over 15 lakh new voters registered using Form 6, only around 33,000 claims were filed for re-inclusion of the approximately 65 lakh excluded names. This large difference becomes even more concerning when one considers that both categories use Form 6, potentially leading to conflation in the data presented to the Court. This data confusion feeds into a broader dispute between the ECI and political parties. While the ECI claims, using its daily data reports, that parties failed to assist excluded voters, parties contend that they did raise claims, but these were not properly processed by Block Level Officers.

Recognising these challenges, the Court has wisely directed that the Bihar State Legal Services Authority use para-legal volunteers to assist voters and political parties. The Court's intervention appears to reflect concerns that mirror data-driven investigations, including by *The Hindu*, which have identified unusual patterns in the exclusion lists, pointing to anomalies. Ground reports further validate these findings, underscoring the need for robust corrective measures. The onus is on political parties to rise above narrow self-interest and actively assist genuinely excluded voters. The democratic process demands such civic responsibility from all stakeholders. For the next steps, the ECI must recognise Aadhaar as a valid standalone document to prevent unfair exclusions among the 99.5% of those in the draft roll who have already submitted documentation and the rest. Given that Aadhaar serves as sufficient proof for the excluded to file claims, it should logically suffice for those already on the draft roll. The Bihar SIR experience offers lessons for future electoral roll revisions. The ECI must abandon its technocratic, short deadline-driven approach in favour of intensive revisions spread over longer periods, allowing thorough door-to-door verification. A clean electoral roll cannot be achieved through hurried exercises that prioritise administrative convenience over voter rights.

Questionable cheer

The government might find it difficult to meet its fiscal deficit targets

The GDP growth numbers released on Friday, showing that growth in Q1 of this financial year stood at 7.8%, came as a pleasant surprise at a time when most of the commentary has been about the factors holding growth back. For instance, even the Reserve Bank of India, as recently as August 6, had predicted that growth would be at 6.5% in Q1. It was off by a significant 1.3 percentage points less than a month before the data came out, something it must introspect about. Within the data, the strong manufacturing sector growth, of 7.7%, was especially heartening given that it came on a relatively high base of 7.6% in Q1 of last year. Some commentators have said that this is because companies were ramping up production and exports ahead of the August tariff deadline by the U.S. However, given that merchandise exports grew just 1.6% in Q1, the more likely reason is that companies were catering to domestic demand. However, the numbers released by the government do not provide much clarity here. The manufacturing sector, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production, grew at 3.3% in Q1, slower than the 4.3% seen in Q1 last year. Steel consumption was drastically slower in Q1 this year than last year. Both private and commercial vehicle sales actually contracted 5.4% and 0.6%, respectively, in Q1. Railway freight traffic grew by 2.5% versus 5% last year, while air freight grew at 5.4% compared to 13.9% last year. Two-wheeler vehicle sales contracted 6.2% while three-wheeler sales were flat at 0.1% growth. Diverse data show that the core and consumer sectors were slowing, and so the pickup in the manufacturing sector is worth a deep examination. The strong performance by the services sector is welcome, and shows how dependent the Indian economy is on this sector.

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran has said that the government was retaining its 6.3%-6.8% growth prediction for the year. This means that, with 7.8% in Q1, the government expects growth to significantly slow down in the remaining three quarters, despite its statements about the limited impact of the U.S. tariffs. The data also call into question the robustness of the statistical system, since a nominal GDP growth of 8.8% assumes that inflation was just 1% in Q1. Clearly, price levels are not being captured adequately. A relatively low nominal growth rate also makes it more challenging for the government to meet its fiscal deficit targets, especially at a time when it expects a revenue hit due to the upcoming GST rate cuts. Overall, the GDP numbers have brought cheer, but also several questions.

The rise and risks of health insurance in India

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A minimal definition of universal health care (UHC) is that quality health care should be guaranteed to "all members of the community irrespective of their ability to pay" – as the Bhore Committee report put it as early as 1946. Nearly eight decades later, India is nowhere near this basic goal of human development, even as many other countries, rich and poor, have achieved it in substantial measure.

An illusion is being created today that UHC can be achieved by expanding health insurance. In the last 10 years, State-sponsored health insurance schemes have grown by leaps and bounds. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), launched in 2018 under Ayushman Bharat, is one landmark in this regard. Alongside PMJAY, every major State has its own State Health Insurance Programme (SHIP). Most SHIPs are modelled on PMJAY, with a maximum cover of ₹5 lakh a household a year. All these insurance schemes are restricted to in-patient care, with patients making a choice from a list of empanelled hospitals, public and private (roughly half-half). In 2023-24, PMJAY covered 58.8 crore individuals with an annual budget of about ₹12,000 crore (assuming that States contributed 40% of the total, as prescribed). Taken together, SHIPs covered a similar number and had a combined budget of at least ₹16,000 crore. The grand total of ₹28,000 crore or so is still a relatively small portion of public expenditure on health, but it is growing fast. In Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra, States for which relevant data are available, we found that the SHIP budget had grown at 8% to 25% a year in real terms between 2018-19 and 2023-24.

The faultlines can deepen

There is no doubt that the PMJAY and SHIPs provide some relief to poor patients when public facilities are overcrowded or substandard, by giving them wider options at reduced cost. However, these schemes are no substitute for a sound UHC framework. And they have major defects, some of which could worsen the fault lines of India's health-care system.

First, health insurance promotes for-profit medicine. About two-thirds of the PMJAY budget is spent on private, mainly profit-oriented hospitals (corresponding figures for SHIPs are not available). A recent study of PMJAY in six major States found that the scheme made little difference to hospitalisation rates, but increased the utilisation of private hospitals. As is well understood in economics, the profit motive in health care is highly problematic. If profit-seeking private providers are allowed at all, they must be tightly regulated. India's health-care system, however, is dominated by poorly-regulated profit seekers. Health insurance reinforces this bias rather than correcting it.

Health insurance schemes are not a sound route to universal health care

Second, health insurance also tilts the health-care system towards hospitalisation, when investments in primary and outpatient care may be more urgent. Strengthening primary care would not only ensure accessible treatment but also reduce unnecessary hospital visits and their financial burden. The ongoing induction of all elderly citizens (aged 70 years and above) in PMJAY, along with the rapid ageing of the population, involves a risk that expensive tertiary care will absorb a growing share of public health expenditure, even as many basic health services continue to fall short.

Third, there appear to be serious utilisation problems. Official figures suggest that the combined coverage of PMJAY and SHIPs is as high as 80% of the population. However, many people do not seem to know about the scheme or how to use it even if they are nominally enrolled. As a recent analysis of the 2022-23 Household Consumption Expenditure Survey shows, only 35% of insured hospital patients in that year were able to use their insurance. Other studies also report serious utilisation hurdles, especially among disadvantaged groups. Perhaps this is one reason why there is no strong evidence linking PMJAY or SHIPs with a substantial reduction in out-of-pocket health expenditure.

Hospitals and discrimination

Fourth, targeted health insurance schemes create issues of discrimination between insured and uninsured patients. Private hospitals prefer an uninsured patient since commercial charges for health care are usually higher, often much higher than the insurance reimbursement rates. One plausible reason why insurance utilisation is so low is that private hospitals discourage it in one way or another. Public hospitals, for their part, prefer insured patients since they get some money for their treatment. This creates its own problems, such as discriminatory treatment and pressure to enrol for insurance on the spot.

Fifth, health-care providers have their own complaints about health insurance, including low reimbursement rates and long delays. The first complaint may or may not be fair (one would expect to hear it), but the second is hard to dismiss. Indeed, the National Health Authority (NHA) itself revealed a few months ago that pending dues under PMJAY alone added up to ₹12,161 crore, more than the scheme's entire annual budget. Many reports have emerged of private hospitals suspending services to patients under PMJAY or even withdrawing from the scheme, as bills remain unpaid for months. According to a recent statement of the Health Ministry, in the Lok Sabha, 609 hospitals have opted out of PMJAY since its inception.

Last but not the least, health insurance schemes are prone to corruption and abuse. The NHA recently recommended action against 3,200 hospitals for fraudulent activities under PMJAY. There are also regular media reports of irregularities from across the country. These include eligible patients being denied treatment, private providers charging insured patients, and unnecessary procedures being performed to milk the scheme. These irregularities defeat the purpose of health insurance by exposing patients to serious financial and health risks.

Tight monitoring and a battery of audits are supposed to prevent irregularities, but there is little evidence that these safeguards are effective. We were unable to find any trace of audit reports on the scheme portals. This is one symptom, among others, of a pervasive lack of transparency in health insurance.

The system is profit driven

In short, India's health insurance schemes are a very poor way of arranging health care, especially for people who find it difficult to navigate the system. They cannot make up for India's persistent failure to expand and improve public health facilities. No country has achieved UHC on this sort of foundation.

This is not to deny that social health insurance is a part of the UHC framework in some countries. Canada and Thailand are two examples. But PMJAY and SHIPs lack important features of social health insurance, such as universal coverage, and more importantly, a strong focus on non-profit health-care providers.

India's profit-driven health-care system reflects decades of severe under-investment in public health facilities – few countries beat India in this regard. According to the World Bank's latest World Development Indicators, public expenditure on health was still as low as 1.3% of GDP in India in 2022, compared with a world average of 6.1%. UHC cannot be achieved without a serious effort to address this deficit and transform health-care standards in the public sector. Some Indian States are moving in that direction, with encouraging results, but immense gaps remain. Health insurance is little more than a pain killer for a system that needs proper healing.

Noise pollution is rising but policy is falling silent

Rohan Singh

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Urban noise pollution has quietly emerged as one of the most neglected public health crises of our time. Across Indian cities, decibel levels routinely exceed permissible limits, especially near schools, hospitals and residential zones, eroding the constitutional promise of peace and dignity.

In 2011, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) launched the National Ambient Noise Monitoring Network (NANMN), which was envisioned as a real-time data platform. A decade later, the network functions less as a tool for reform and more as a passive repository. Data are scattered across dashboards, but meaningful enforcement remains elusive.

The problem lies not only in flawed sensor placement (many are mounted 25 to 30 feet high, in violation of the CPCB's 2015 guidelines – but in a deeper absence of accountability. Whether biased or incomplete, the available data remains politically and administratively inert. Contrast this with Europe, where noise-induced illnesses and mortality statistics actively shape policy. The European Environment Agency recently pegged the annual economic cost of urban noise pollution at €100 billion, prompting redesigns in speed zones and zoning frameworks. India, by contrast, suffers from regulatory fragmentation and institutional silence. Right to Information queries go unanswered; State Pollution Control Boards operate in silos; and even in States such as Uttar Pradesh, first-quarter 2025 data remains unavailable to the public.

Apathy, neglect, serious questions

This is not merely environmental apathy. It borders on constitutional neglect. Article 21 guarantees the right to life with dignity, encompassing mental and environmental well-being. Article 48A mandates proactive environmental protection. When "silence zones" become epicentres of noise, it raises serious questions about state capacity and civic respect.

The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 offer a robust legal framework, but enforcement has remained largely symbolic. According to the World Health Organization, safe limits in silent zones are 50 dB(A) by day and 40 dB(A) by night. Yet, in cities such as Delhi and Bengaluru, readings near sensitive institutions often reach 65 dB(A)-70 dB(A).

Urban India must adopt a rights-based approach to fight growing noise pollution

Infrastructure expansion and logistics-driven traffic have exacerbated the crisis. Late-night drilling and crane operations continue despite regulatory restrictions. In 2024, the Supreme Court of India reaffirmed that environmental disruptions – including excessive noise – can infringe upon the fundamental right to life and dignity under Article 21. In Noise Pollution (V), In Re, the Court recognised that unchecked urban noise poses a serious threat to mental well-being and civic freedom (The case dates back to 2005, and was referenced and interpreted again by the Court in 2024, in the context of renewed concerns over urban noise and its impact on fundamental rights).

The ecological cost is no less troubling. A 2025 study by the University of Auckland found that urban noise and artificial light disrupted the sleep and song patterns of common mynas after just one night. The birds sang less and with reduced complexity, impairing their social signalling. This is not merely an avian concern, it signals a breakdown in ecological communication systems. When biodiversity loses its voice, it reflects a deeper erosion of urban environmental ethics.

Civic fatigue and the politics of silence

Urban noise is not just a technical issue, it is deeply political. The absence of sustained public outrage stems from a normalisation of sonic aggression. Honking, drilling and loudspeakers have become ambient irritants, tolerated rather than challenged. This civic fatigue is compounded by the invisibility of noise as a pollutant. Unlike smog or garbage, sound leaves no residue, no visible stain – only a frayed mind and a disturbed sleep cycle. The result is a quiet erosion of public health, especially among children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing conditions.

India's legal framework, while robust on paper, suffers from fragmented execution. The Noise Pollution Rules, 2000 are rarely updated to reflect urban realities. There is little coordination between municipal bodies, traffic police and pollution control boards. A national acoustic policy akin to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards is urgently needed. Such a framework must define permissible decibel levels across zones, mandate regular audits, and empower local grievance redress mechanisms. Without inter-agency synergy, enforcement will remain sporadic and symbolic.

Adopt a culture of 'sonic empathy'

Ultimately, the fight against urban noise is not just regulatory, it is cultural. Cities must cultivate a shared ethic of sonic empathy. Public campaigns should move beyond slogans to immersive education, in schools, driver training programmes and community spaces. Just as seatbelt usage became a norm through sustained messaging, honking reduction and noise sensitivity can be socially internalised. Silence is not the absence of sound, but the presence of care.

Where, then, must reform begin? First, decentralise NANMN – grant local bodies access to real-time noise data and the responsibility to act.

Second, link monitoring to enforcement – without penalties, zoning compliance or construction curbs, data remains performativity.

Third, institutionalise awareness – initiatives such as "No Honking Day" must evolve into sustained behavioural campaigns.

Fourth, embed acoustic resilience in urban planning – cities must be designed not just for speed and expansion, but for sonic civility.

Silence must not be imposed and must be enabled through design, governance and democratic will. Unless India adopts a rights-based lens to urban noise, its smart cities may remain unliveable at the level of sound.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On China, Indian diplomacy

Though one cannot read its mind, China's extremely guarded approach, when it comes to ties with India, may be with a view to take different stands based on the contingencies that may arise. The souring relationship between India and the U.S. may be a prime reason. It is unfortunate that China continues to be a thorn in India's flesh, and India's close relationship with Russia, in this context, assumes critical importance. Mr. Modi's meeting with the Chinese President Xi Jinping has resulted in no improved bonhomie between the two countries. A routine red carpet welcome was accorded to Mr. Modi followed by smiles and handshakes with nothing worthwhile achieved. Whatever has been agreed upon is of little consequence both to Indians and India (Front page, September 1).

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

With China, a guarded engagement is essential — managing borders, deterring aggression, and de-risking dependencies. With Russia, pragmatic preservation matters: securing energy and defence cooperation without slipping into over-reliance. With the U.S., a future-oriented partnership in trade, technology, and defence must deepen, while safeguarding India's independent voice.

N.S. Reddy,
Hyderabad

Magsaysay award

The conferment of the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025 on Educate Girls, a non-profit organisation, underscores the power of grassroots innovation in driving long-lasting social change and educational equity. It is heartening that the NGO aims to reach 10 million learners, ensuring last-mile access to education for girls.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Worthy too

On September 5, India remembers Dr. Sarvepalli S. Radhakrishnan, the President, who added lustre and glory to the highest office he helmed. But I am at a loss to comprehend why another great Indian, Rt. Hon. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri, has been left out. He was a dazzling speaker donning many caps. Perhaps there needs to be another Teachers' Day, on September 22, the birthday of VSSS.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

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Rethinking carbon pricing and taxes

India's free trade agreement (FTA) with the U.K., heralded as the gold standard by the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, has a lot going for it. Yet, it does not address the one imminent policy instrument that is likely to significantly upend its possible benefits for India.

The U.K.'s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (UK-CBAM), similar in principle to the European Union (EU)'s CBAM, will be implemented from January 2027. It covers both direct and indirect emissions for hard-to-abate sectors such as steel and aluminum, including the electricity used in their production. CBAM's scope will later be expanded to other products.

Mr. Goyal noted that India would retaliate against any harmful impacts of CBAM. However, any prospective action may not provide the desired relief for the imminent cost impact. This is an issue that needs to be addressed upfront in a bilateral agreement. For instance, in the recently announced U.S.-EU trade agreement, the EU has agreed to address U.S. concerns on CBAM and other rules relating to corporate sustainability, through flexibilities.

CBAM effect on India's exports

Before the FTA, the U.K.'s MFN rates for aluminium and iron and steel were in the range of 0-6%. Under the India-U.K. FTA, these duties will be reduced to zero for Indian exports. At first glance, this appears beneficial for India. But from January 2027, aluminium and steel imports will need to match the U.K.'s carbon price, which, as of now, is approximately \$66/tCO_2, translating to a cost increase of at least 20% to 40% for exporters.

The U.K.'s CBAM permits deductions for carbon pricing in exporting countries, including carbon taxes or prices paid under emissions trading schemes. While Indian industry pays levies such as coal cess, bears costs under the renewable purchase obligation, and now an explicit carbon price under the recently announced Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), it is unclear whether the U.K. will allow deductions beyond the CCTS. Even with respect to the CCTS, a major challenge is the large gap between India's projected carbon price, estimated by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency at around \$8-10 per tonne of CO_2, and the U.K.'s carbon price, currently at \$66 per tonne.

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As with the EU's CBAM, the U.K.'s approach is focused on levying a charge on exports into the U.K. to match the embedded carbon price paid by domestic producers. By levying the same price as paid by U.K. producers in specific sectors where the U.K. perceives a competitive disadvantage, the unilateral setting of carbon price upends multilateral commitments on emission reductions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

There can never be a singular carbon price across economies as emissions vary across countries based on energy mix, industry structure, and technological availability and viability. A joint report by multilateral institutions in October 2024 urged greater coordination on carbon markets, warning that fragmented systems cause distortions, leakage, and undermine net-zero goals.

Fragmented markets will only raise compliance costs, disrupt supply chains, and hinder both growth and climate goals. A global carbon pricing agreement is essential to align methods for measuring emissions, streamline reporting requirements, and ensure support for green tech transfer. The International Monetary Fund in 2021 proposed an International Carbon Price Floor (ICPF) with tiered pricing: \$25 for low-income, \$50 for middle-income, and \$75 for high-income countries. Building on this, the World Economic Forum proposed a three-phased approach to facilitate a smooth transition to global carbon pricing, starting with minimum standards for pricing and reporting, and linking this to regional systems and harmonising monitoring and verification processes. It also proposed linking regional carbon markets (EU, China, India, other parts of Asia) to reduce fragmentation and move towards a unified global system.

It is important for the Indian government to assess whether this model would work and explore synergies with like-minded developing countries. In an era of rising tariff and non-tariff barriers, we cannot risk fragmented carbon pricing turning into massive compliance costs.

National action

Amidst rising protectionism global consensus is unlikely in the short term. Hence Indian industry must view clean technologies as tools for efficiency and competitiveness, and not just as export compliance. The government needs to act as an enabler by streamlining various implicit carbon taxes into a unified carbon market framework. Implementing stricter emission reduction targets under a single explicit carbon tax through the CCTS, instead of multiple taxes on carbon-intensive sectors, will improve carbon price discovery, simplify compliance and monitoring, and preserve our competitiveness. It would position India to build a stronger carbon pricing system, capable of joining a cohesive global carbon market in the future. Revenues from these carbon taxes should be ploughed back for industrial decarbonisation. The draft climate finance taxonomy developed by the Ministry of Finance, is another initiative that will enable investors to boost clean tech investment.

In a world where multilateral rules are being undermined, and bilateral free trade deals are failing to secure equity, proactive action between government and industry within the country is the only answer.

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The need to recognise women drug users

There is no gender-sensitive infrastructure for drug users in J&K

STATE OF PLAY

Bilal Gani

Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is in the grip of a drug crisis. Data from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment found that in 2022, around 1.08 lakh men and 36,000 women in J&K reported using cannabis in 2022. About 5.34 lakh men and 8,000 women consumed opioids, 1.6 lakh men and 8,000 women used sedatives, and 1.27 lakh men and 7,000 women were addicted to inhalants.

While there is growing alarm over male addiction, women remain overlooked. While many women bear the brunt of drug use among male family members, a much smaller share of them – 7% of drug users in J&K in 2023, or roughly 62,000 individuals – have also turned to drugs for different reasons: due to acute anxiety and other mental health difficulties during periods of political unrest; losing husbands, sons, and brothers during conflicts; sustained periods of unemployment; marital issues; and gender-based pressures. Some women are reportedly used for drug peddling and are abused, sometimes sexually. Some are also introduced to drugs by their male friends and family members.

As women drug users are considered to be bringing shame and dishonour to their families, many of them are segregated in their communities. Further, there is no gender-sensitive infrastructure to support women drug users. According to the Ministry, out of the 46 addiction treatment facilities across India, only 10 are in J&K, and out of 340 rehabilitation centres nationwide, J&K has only one such centre. There is no women-only rehabilitation centre in the region. There are very few female counsellors – a crisis that is especially grave when we consider the stories of abuse. There is also no public space for women to speak openly about addiction. Where then will women seek help or even share their stories with one another?

The shame associated with being a drug user, compounded by the psychological toll of substance use, invisibilises women. Their trauma remains untreated because of social stigma and an indifferent system. This neglect is not accidental; it reflects a structural failure to recognise women as part of the addiction crisis and as having separate gender-based requirements during treatment and rehabilitation.

The growing trend of heroin addiction among the youth, particularly women, has been made possible by the unhindered supply of drugs from States in northern India and from across the border. Drug mafias have a close nexus with local dealers, which has precipitated the easy flow of drugs to addicts in the Valley. The government could break this nexus by increasing vigil on the highway at places such as Udhampur.

The government has attached properties worth crores belonging to drug peddlers as a deterrent to dismantle the drug-supply network in the region. However, confiscating the properties of drug suppliers may condemn them to remain criminals forever. While it is imperative for the government to act tough against peddlers, seizing their properties, including homes, could have serious repercussions on their social and psychological well-being. Rehabilitation must be compassionate and grounded in humanistic care.

The unique character of the region has long sidelined women's agency. The stigma surrounding women's drug addiction has only deepened their misery.

We need public awareness campaigns that present drug addiction as a disease – specifically as a chronic, relapsing brain disorder – rather than as a moral failure. Building women's support groups within villages can help replace stigma with trust and solidarity. More gender-sensitive infrastructure is the need of the hour. J&K needs centres where female users are treated with privacy and empathy so that more women come forward for treatment. Rehabilitation facilities need proper funding and staffing to be effective centres of care and rehabilitation.

But for all of this to happen, it is crucial that the J&K government first recognises that drug addiction is a public health emergency that requires both government and community engagement. And that women drug users need proper and separate rehabilitation, including therapy, counselling, and a fair opportunity to recover and live a normal and dignified life.

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India-U.S. relationship: trust defines partnership, not tariffs

Sweeping tariff hikes may sting, but the India-U.S. relationship is anchored in resilience, strategic convergence, and people-to-people ties

DATA POINT

Mehnaz Ansari

The U.S.'s decision to sharply raise tariffs on Indian exports – doubling duties to 50% on a wide range of products– has caused deep concern and disappointment in India. After decades of building a mature, multifaceted relationship, the imposition of such sweeping trade measures feels like a setback. The economic impact is significant. In 2024, India exported goods worth \$87.3 billion to the U.S., its single largest trading partner. Of this, nearly \$48-55 billion worth of merchandise is directly at risk. The heaviest blows fall on labour-intensive, job-creating sectors **(Chart 1)**:

- Gems and jewellery (about \$10 billion annually): The U.S. is India's largest market, buying more than a quarter of its diamond and jewellery exports.
- Textiles and apparel (about \$8 billion): Around 70% of India's U.S.-bound exports are now caught under the tariff net.
- Agriculture (about \$6 billion): Exports of rice, spices, seafood, and niche agri-products may lose ground.
- Leather and footwear (about \$3 billion): Traditional export strengths are at risk of losing market share to other low-cost suppliers. Just weeks before the tariffs came into force, exporters rushed to meet orders. In July 2025, gems and jewellery exports surged 16%, with lab-grown diamonds leaping 27.6%. This urgency reflected both adaptability and anxiety about the road ahead.

Balanced trade that endures

Yet, it would be a mistake to view U.S.-India ties solely through the lens of tariffs. A large share of bilateral trade remains unaffected – and continues to thrive **(Chart 2)**:

- Pharmaceuticals (about \$50 billion industry; \$3.7 billion exports in H1 2025): Exempt from tariffs, India supplies 40% of America's generic drug demand.
- Services and IT (\$387.5 billion in FY 2024-25; \$33.2 billion to U.S.): IT services, BFSI, and consulting remain robust, with Indian firms powering Fortune 500 companies and U.S. tech majors expanding in India.
- Energy and clean tech: LNG imports, renewable energy partnerships, and joint work on decarbonisation continue to deepen.
- Aviation and aerospace: Boeing aircraft orders, airport modernisation, and CNS/ATM collaborations are unaffected.
- Defence: Under the 2+2 dialogue, co-production projects, technology transfer, and joint military exercises are strengthening ties.
- Space and innovation: NASA-ISRO cooperation and digital innovation partnerships represent the future of collaboration. This dual reality – tariffs hurting traditional exports, while services and strategic sectors thrive – shows the depth and diversity of the relationship.

Real strength of ties

The most enduring anchor is not trade alone, but people-to-people ties. If trade and diplomacy are the "hardware," people are the "software" that keeps the partnership running.

- Diaspora: The 4.8 million-strong Indian diaspora in the U.S. excels across medicine, law, business, and politics. Over 150 Indian-origin CEOs now lead global corporations, shaping boardrooms as much as trade flows.
- Students: With more than 2,00,000 Indian students enrolled in U.S. universities, the talent pipeline is shaping innovation ecosystems in both countries.
- Professionals: Indian IT engineers drive Silicon Valley, while U.S. entrepreneurs are investing in Bengaluru's start-up ecosystem.
- Cultural exchange: Indian Americans serve in Congress, state legislatures, and local leadership, while festivals like Deepavali are celebrated at the White House. They are trust-based bonds cultivated over decades, making the relationship structural and resilient.

Strategic collaborations

Equally important, the U.S.-India partnership extends well beyond trade disputes.

- Defence and security: Joint exercises, intelligence sharing, and technology transfers highlight growing defence convergence.
- Aviation: The U.S. is a key partner in India's aviation boom, from aircraft fleets to airport modernisation.
- Climate and clean energy: Both nations are collaborating on renewables, green hydrogen, and sustainable fuels.
- Healthcare and pharma: Beyond generics, U.S. companies' partner with Indian firms in R&D and clinical trials.
- Space: From lunar missions to satellite navigation, NASA-ISRO collaborations extend the partnership beyond Earth itself.

India's response must be measured and strategic: diversify markets in Africa, Latin America, and the Indo-Pacific; strengthen domestic resilience by innovating supply chains and moving up the value chain; and persist in diplomacy because this often makes the difference between setback and breakthrough.

Tariffs may disrupt markets, unsettle industries, and dominate headlines, but they do not define destiny. The U.S.-India relationship has survived Cold War suspicion, sanctions, and past trade disputes before – and every time, it has emerged stronger. The deeper truth is this: trust defines partnerships, not tariffs **(Table 3)**. And trust, built by people and strengthened by strategy, ensures that even when trade faces turbulence, the relationship remains steady.

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Relationship beyond tariffs

The data for the charts were sourced from Reuters; the U.S. Trade Representative; the Indian Ministries of Commerce, Education, and Defence; the U.S. Census, and pharma industry reports

Chart 1: Key export sectors that will be impacted by tariffs

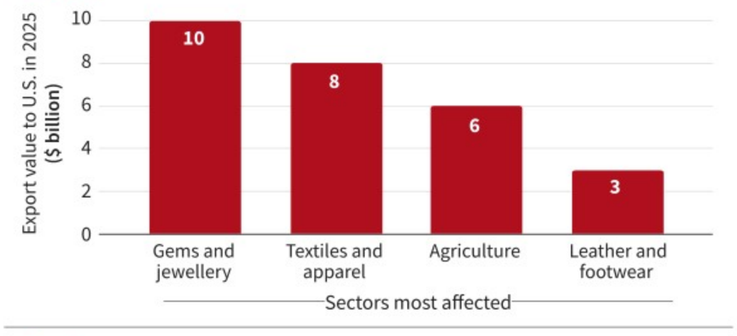

Chart 2: Value of key sectors not directly affected by tariffs

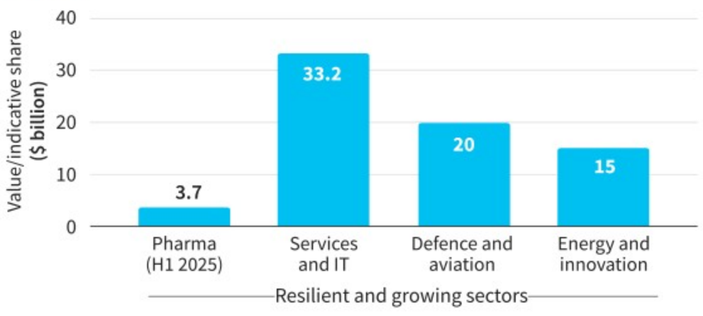

Table 3: Tariff versus trust

Parameter	Values
Export at risk (tariff)	\$48B
Indian diaspora in the U.S.	4.8M
Indian students in the U.S.	200K

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 2, 1975

China's recognition of Bangla a 'hopeful move'

New Delhi, Sept. 1: Despite its persisting differences with China over various issues, India is prepared to look upon Peking's belated recognition of Bangladesh as a hopeful development in the belief that the very logic of the subcontinental situation would sooner or later compel China to adopt a more realistic attitude to the problems of the region. China has at last extended de jure recognition although it has been dealing with Bangladesh on a de facto basis for quite some time by reconciling itself to the reality of the break-up of old Pakistan. The recent events in Bangladesh have, no doubt, hastened the Chinese recognition, but the moves for the establishment of diplomatic relations were set in a motion a year ago after Bangladesh's admission to the United Nations. From then on it was only a question of time and tactics on China's part to choose a politically advantageous moment for announcing the recognition. After an absence of nearly four years, the Chinese will be re-establishing their presence in Dacca soon. It remains to be seen whether they will be descending on the scene determined to make their presence felt by creating difficulties or lending a helping hand in consolidating Bangladesh's hard-won freedom. The Chinese had placed themselves in such an unenviable position by initially supporting the Pakistan savagery and later on refusing to accept the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent nation that the recent events had provided the hard-heeded men in Peking with an excellent opportunity to extricate themselves from this embarrassing position with the pretence of some tactical gain in the long run.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FROM THE ISSUE DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1925 AS THERE WAS NO ISSUE DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1925

Indians in Australia

Mr. Bhore, in answer to Mr. Sarfraz Khan, announced that the Australian Government had given effect to the hopes held out to Mr. Sastri by introducing a Bill, which had already been passed by the Senate and when passed by the House of Representatives would give Indians State and Commonwealth franchise throughout Australia, except in Queensland and in Western Australia, where Indians had no suffrage in respect of election for the Lower House.

From Page One

SCO heads condemn Pahalgam terror attack

"The shadows of Cold War mentality, bullying, are not dissipating, and there are new challenges that are increasing, not diminishing," said Mr. Xi, who has often used the term "cold war mentality" to refer to the uncertainties over the U.S. tariffs.

The declaration at the summit, which focused on strengthening the Global South amid global uncertainties in trade and a "fluid and chaotic global situation", opened by stating that the world was undergoing "profound historical changes that affect all spheres of political, socio-economic, and social relations". Mr. Xi, who chaired the 'SCO plus' meeting on Monday afternoon, proposed a Global Governance Initiative (GGI), calling on countries to work in concert for a more just and equitable global governance system, abiding by international rule of law, practising multilateralism, advocating the people-centered approach, and focusing on taking real actions.

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, following the summit on Monday night, said the GGI aims at supporting the UN's central role in international affairs and encouraging countries to participate in the reform of global governance system by relying on multilateral mechanisms. He also said that Pakistan and Armenia had announced development of diplomatic relationship at the summit.

Announcing that the grouping has decided to merge the statuses given to non-member countries – dialogue partner and observer – to a single partner status, Mr. Wang said that Laos has been accepted as a partner country of the SCO, taking the total strength of the grouping to 27 with 10 members and 17 partners. Secretary-General of the SCO, Nurlan Yermekbayev, said that an agreement was made to establish an SCO development bank, a long-term ambition of Beijing.

Taking note of Israel's ongoing war on Gaza and the catastrophic humanitarian situation engulfing the Gaza Strip, all the member states expressed "deep concern" and strongly condemned "actions that have led to numerous casualties among the civilian population" in the enclave. A "comprehensive and just settlement" of the Palestinian issue is the only way to ensure peace in West Asia, the declaration said.

India also joined the fellow members of the grouping to strongly condemn the military strikes by Israel and the U.S. against Iran, a member state, in June that targeted Tehran's nuclear facilities. The member states reaffirmed the importance of the UN Security Council resolution 2231 which included provisions for lifting sanctions imposed on Iran over its nuclear programme.

The declaration also took note of the political situation in Afghanistan, which holds an observer status in the grouping but did not attend the summit. The members reiterated that the formation of an "inclusive government with broad participation of representatives of all ethno-political groups" of the society is the only way to achieve lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.

All the member states, except India, also reaffirmed their support for China's Belt and Road Initiative. Mr. Xi, in his opening remarks, also pledged to provide ¥2 billion in grants to member countries within this year, and an additional ¥10 billion in loan to member banks of the SCO Interbank Consortium over the next three years. He also said that the group should set up an "SCO development bank" as soon as possible.

The declaration also welcomed a resolution by the UN General Assembly that called for "combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to escalating contemporary forms of racism, xenophobia and related intolerance".

(With inputs from Suhasini Haider)

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh is in China at an invitation from the China Public Diplomacy Association.

'SIR claims welcome till last date of nominations'

The court had already asked the poll authority to accept Aadhaar or any of the 11 listed documents from those seeking inclusion in the voter list.

A senior EC official told *The Hindu* that Para 12(a)(ii) of SIR provided for any inclusion or deletion till the last date of nomination.

According to the EC data released on Monday, nearly 37,000 applications have been filed for re-inclusion of names and 2,17,000 for exclusion. A total of 16,56,886 new voters, who have attained 18 years, have applied for registration.

The poll panel has said 99.5% of the 7.24 crore electors in the draft electoral rolls have filed the eligibility documents.

Around 7.24 crore people have been included in the draft rolls published on August 1 – 65 lakh less than those in the earlier July 2025 list.

Most claims and objections filed by political parties, the EC said, were for exclusion, not inclusion, of names from the rolls.

The poll panel has since last week began issuing notices to those electors whose documents were incomplete, and around 3 lakh such documents have already been issued.

As per the SIR order, the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) has powers to scrutinise all claims and conduct a *suo motu* inquiry as well as issue notice to any elector.

In case the person is excluded from the list, the ERO will issue a "speaking order" stating the reasons for the same.

A speaking order is one where the authority explicitly states the reasons behind its decision, linking it to the evidence, facts, and applicable laws. This ensures that the decision is not arbitrary and reflects sound reasoning.

Amit Shah visits rain-affected areas in Jammu, promises aid

Advanced survey teams from Ministry will assess damage and provide further help, says Home Minister; he calls for strengthening of early-warning systems to reduce natural calamities' impact

Peerzada Ashiq
JAMMU

Reality check: Amit Shah with Manoj Sinha visits flood-affected areas in Jammu on Monday. PTI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday reviewed the situation caused by recent rain-induced incidents in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and promised to provide assistance to those affected. He stressed strengthening the early-warning systems to reduce the impact of natural calamities.

Mr. Shah said teams from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Union Territory administration should prioritise damage assessment and that a meeting of relevant departments would be held soon.

"Advanced survey teams from the MHA would assess the damage, and further assistance would be provided," Mr. Shah said, after his first-hand survey of destruction caused in Jammu.

Mr. Shah inspected several flood and landslide affected areas of the Jammu division. He met the flood-affected people in Mangu Chak village and inspected the Tawi Bridge at Bikram Chowk, the Shiv Temple, and damaged homes.

Over 100 civilians were killed and hundreds of houses were damaged in a series of cloudbursts, landslips and flash floods in J&K in August, one of the severe natural calamities that hit the Union Territory after the 2014 deluge. More than 5,000 people have been evacuated to safer places as precaution.

Power supply restored

"Health facilities and food arrangements have been made in relief camps and the situation will return to normal very soon. More than 80% electricity supply has been restored in affected areas. Infrastructure of critical sectors has been affected and its temporary restoration is under way on a war footing," Mr. Shah said.

He also called for proactive focus on restoration of water supply and health services.

Later, he chaired a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and senior officers of the Central and Union Territory governments.

Incessant rain and flood disrupt life in North India

CHANDIGARH

As unprecedented rain continues to batter Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh since last week, life has been severely disrupted. In Punjab, as many as 29 lives had been lost between August 1 and September 1. In Himachal, in the past 24 hours, five people died. Haryana, meanwhile, has directed all field officers to remain at their headquarters and maintain strict vigilance till September 5.

Immigration bureau set to check fraud, deport foreigners

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Earlier, the bureau performed similar functions but its role was regulatory, not codified in law

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Monday notified the Rules to govern the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, legally designating the Bureau of Immigration (BOI) to "examine cases of immigration fraud" and coordinate with the States to identify, deport or restrict the movement of foreigners, and collate and maintain immigration database.

Though the BOI earlier also performed similar functions, its role was regulatory and not codified in law.

The Rules, for the first time, insert the legal provision for recording the biometric information of all foreigners, earlier restricted to a few visa categories and enforceable through executive orders of the MHA.

As per the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025, educational institutes will have to inform the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), which works under the BOI, about all foreign students and even provide semester-wise "academic performance" summary, including attendance details and "general conduct" report of such students.

Under the Rules, the "civil authority" may direct the shutting down of any premise such as a resort, club or an entertainment place if the place is frequented by foreigners who are "undesirable", involved in crime, members of an unlawful association or illegal migrants. The place can also be closed if "the premises are conducted in a disorderly or improper manner, or in a manner prejudicial to the public good". Owners cannot open new premises without the approval of the civil authority.

Airlines and sea-carriers will have to submit all details of passengers and crew to the BOI within 15 minutes of departure. The Rules define the role of an "immigration officer" who shall be officers provided by the Intelligence Bureau.

SC refuses to entertain plea against roll-out of 20% ethanol-blended petrol nationwide

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The petition says the policy violates fundamental rights of vehicle owners whose automobiles are incompatible with E20. FILE PHOTO

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a petition challenging the nationwide roll-out of 20% ethanol-blended petrol (E20) which alleged that millions of motorists were being compelled to use fuel unsuited to their vehicles without the option of getting ethanol-free petrol.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran refused to entertain the petition after the Union government defended the ethanol-blending programme as a measure to bolster the income of sugar cane farmers and conserve foreign exchange.

Senior advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for petitioner Akshay Malhotra, cited NITI Aayog's 2021 report "Roadmap for ethanol blending in India 2020-25", which noted that blending ethanol up to 20% could cut fuel efficiency by 6-7% in four-wheelers and 3-4% in two-wheelers. He clarified that the petitioner was not opposing ethanol blending as a policy, but only sought the continued availability of ethanol-free petrol for vehicles manufactured before April 2023, which are not compatible with E20 fuel.

Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, representing the Centre, questioned the bona fides of the plea, alleging that the petitioner was merely a "name-lender" and that the challenge reflected the interests of a larger lobby intent on obstructing India's clean fuel transition.

"The policy benefits our sugar cane farmers and saves precious foreign exchange. Will people outside the country dictate what kind of fuel India should use?" the Attorney-General remarked during the hearing. "Dismissed," the Bench said, after a brief exchange, declining to interfere with the government's policy.

E20 fuel has been gradually introduced since 2023, replacing earlier blends such as E5 and E10, which were regarded as more compatible with older vehicles. These alternatives have now been phased out from almost all of the country's 90,000 fuel stations. The ethanol-blending programme is central to India's strategy to lower carbon emissions and reduce dependence on crude oil imports.

Last month, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas endorsed the use of E20, claiming it offers "better acceleration and improved ride quality" in addition to supporting the livelihoods of farmers.

Officials further clarified that the validity of vehicle insurance policies remains unaffected by the use of E20.

'Consumer choice'

The petition contended that the policy violated the fundamental rights of vehicle owners whose automobiles are incompatible with E20, as it left them with no option to purchase ethanol-free petrol. It further argued that the absence of public awareness and proper labelling of fuel pumps breached the right to informed consumer choice under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

"It is also relevant to mention that as the vehicles are not compatible with ethanol-blended petrol, which will result in damage to the said vehicles, the claim raised in this regard will not be covered by the manufacturers or the insurance companies, as the consumers have violated the terms specified by the manufacturers/insurance companies," the petition said.

It sought directions to the authorities to mandate ethanol labelling at all petrol pumps and dispensing units, and to conduct a "nationwide impact study on mechanical degradation and efficiency loss due to ethanol blended fuel to the extent of 20% usage in non-compliant vehicles."

India extends assistance to earthquake-hit Afghanistan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India on Monday started sending relief material for the earthquake-affected people of Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the loss of lives and said India would provide "all possible humanitarian aid" to Afghanistan. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families in this difficult hour, and we wish a speedy recovery to the injured," Mr. Modi said in a message.

Earlier, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke with the 'Foreign Minister' of Taliban administration, Amir Khan Muttaqi. "Conveyed that India has delivered 1,000 family tents today in Kabul. 15 tonnes of food material is also being immediately moved by Indian Mission from Kabul to Kunar. Further relief material will be sent from India starting tomorrow," he said.

Trump tariff shock not reflected in GDP data, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Questioning the "irrational exuberance" over the GDP numbers for April-June 2025, the Congress on Monday said the impact of Trump tariff shocks simply is not reflected in the current figures as their real consequences will begin to be felt in the second quarter.

According to the latest government data released last week, India's economy grew by 7.8% in April-June, stronger-than-expected and the fastest pace in five quarters, before U.S. President Donald Trump imposed tariffs.

Congress general secretary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said the front-loading of exports to the U.S. by exporters attempting to escape tariffs has actually boosted export growth and therefore the headline GDP number.

"The Trump tariff shock is simply not reflected in the first quarter of this financial year – in fact, the front-loading of exports to the U.S. by exporters attempting to escape tariffs has actually boosted export growth and therefore the headline GDP number," Mr. Ramesh said in a post on X.

The real consequence of the tariffs will begin to be felt in the second quarter for sure, the Congress leader said.

India has offered to reduce tariffs to zero, but it is getting late, says Donald Trump

Sriram Lakshman

U.S. President Donald Trump claimed on Monday that India had offered to reduce tariffs to zero, suggesting the alleged offer had come very late, as he described the India-U.S. relationship as a "one-sided disaster".

Mr. Trump's post on Truth Social, a social media site, came hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the fringes of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin, China.

"They [India] have now offered to cut their Tariffs to nothing, but it's getting late. They should have done so years ago," Mr. Trump wrote.

Donald Trump

"Until now a totally one sided relationship, and it has been for many decades. The reason is that India has charged us, until now, such high Tariffs, the most of any country, that our businesses are unable to sell into India. It has been a totally one sided disaster," he wrote.

Mr. Trump also said that India bought most of its oil and military equipment from Russia, and very little from the U.S. Mr. Trump and Mr. Modi's apparent bonhomie – evident in the first Trump administration – has unravelled in recent weeks, over an extraordinary 50% default tariff rate applied to Indian exports to the U.S. and the inability of India and the U.S. to reach a trade deal. The tariff includes a 25% levy applied to India for its arms and energy trade with Russia.

Just earlier in the day, the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi had portrayed the U.S.-India relationship in optimistic terms. In a post on X, the Embassy had said that the relationship continued to "reach new heights". It quoted U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio praising the people-to-people ties as crucial to taking the India-U.S. relationship forward.

'Brahmins profiteering'

White House adviser Peter Navarro told Fox News in a Sunday interview that India was a "laundromat for the Kremlin".

"Modi is a great leader. I don't understand why he's getting to bed with Putin and [Chinese President] Xi Jinping when he's [sic] the biggest democracy in the world," Mr. Navarro said.

"So I would just simply say, the Indian people, please understand what's going on here. You got Brahmins profiteering at the expense of the Indian people," he added. It is unclear whether Mr. Navarro was using the term "Brahmins" literally or as a reference to elites.

PM questions open support of terrorism by 'some countries'

In his address at the summit meeting of the SCO, Modi highlights the need for coordinated action against terror financing and radicalisation

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the heads of states at the SCO Summit in Tianjin on Monday. VIDEO GRAB/ VIGHNESH P. VENKITESH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked whether "open support" of terrorism by some countries was acceptable, as he addressed the summit meeting of the heads of states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Tianjin, China on Monday.

Addressing the meeting chaired by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Mr. Modi said the 'S' in SCO should also stand for security, and mentioned the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians.

He said India had been bearing the brunt of ruthless terrorism for the past four decades and had seen its disgusting face in Pahalgam.

"We must clearly and unanimously state that no double standards on terrorism will be acceptable. We must jointly oppose terrorism in all its forms and colours. This is our duty towards humanity," he said.

"Terrorism was not just a challenge to the security of a country, but a common challenge for the entire humanity."

The Prime Minister underlined the need for coordinated action against terror financing and radicalisation, and thanked member countries for their strong solidarity in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Mr. Modi highlighted connectivity projects and opportunities, including initiatives such as the Chabahar Port in Iran and International North-South Transport Corridor. Through these, connectivity with Afghanistan and Central Asia can be enhanced, he said.

He expressed support for the reform-oriented agenda of the group. In this regard, he welcomed the setting up of centres to deal with organised crime, drug trafficking and cyber security. He called for a similar approach to reforming multilateral institutions, including the United Nations.

Modi meets Putin in Tianjin, calls for expedited ceasefire in Ukraine

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin leave together in a car for the venue of their bilateral meeting after attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Tianjin. AFP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday and stressed the need to expedite a ceasefire in Ukraine.

Meeting after the heads of states summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Tianjin, the two leaders reaffirmed their support for strengthening the "special and privileged strategic partnership" between the two countries, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement, adding that Mr. Modi told Mr. Putin that he was looking forward to receiving the leader for the 23rd India-Russia annual summit later this year.

Both leaders travelled together to the venue of the bilateral meeting after Monday morning's summit. Russian state media reported that the leaders spoke one-on-one for almost an hour in the vehicle before sitting down for the meeting.

"Had an excellent meeting with President Putin... Discussed ways to deepen bilateral cooperation in all sectors," Mr. Modi said in a social media post after the meeting, adding that the leaders "exchanged views on regional and global developments, including the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine".

At the meeting, Mr. Putin hailed Moscow's ties with New Delhi as special, friendly, and trusting.

"Russia and India have maintained special relations for decades... this is the foundation for the development of our relations in the future," Mr. Putin said.

On Ukraine, Mr. Putin said the eastward expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) should be addressed for sustainable peace in the region. "This crisis wasn't triggered by Russia's attack on Ukraine, but was a result of a coup in Ukraine, which was supported and provoked by the West," Mr. Putin said in his address to the member states of the grouping.

"The second reason for the crisis is the West's constant attempts to drag Ukraine into NATO," he added.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had spoken to Mr. Modi over the phone on Friday and urged the Prime Minister to "deliver an appropriate signal" to Russia. Mr. Modi's call for accelerated efforts for a ceasefire comes days after U.S. President Donald Trump, who hosted Mr. Putin in Alaska, dropped his demand for a ceasefire, saying that Kyiv should make a deal to end the war.

The meeting came against the backdrop of the U.S.'s 25% penalty on Indian goods imposed on top of 25% tariffs over India's oil trade with Russia. However, the statement issued by the Ministry after the meeting mentioned bilateral cooperation while refraining from any mention of oil trade or U.S. tariffs. "The leaders discussed bilateral cooperation, including economic, financial, and energy sectors," and "expressed satisfaction with the sustained growth" in relations in these areas, the Ministry said.

(The writer is in China at an invitation from the China Public Diplomacy Association)

Congress slams PM for 'kowtowing' to China

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "silence" on the Pakistan-China "*jugalbandi*" during Operation Sindoor is an "anti-national" act, the Congress alleged on Monday as the party attacked the Union government after Mr. Modi's talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

India has been accusing China of its "double standards" and "doublespeak" on terrorism, Congress's communications chief Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X. "Now, Prime Minister Modi tells President Xi that India and China are both victims of terrorism. If this is not the so-called elephant capitulating before the so-called dragon, then what is it?" he said. "Even more anti-national is the fact that Prime Minister Modi remained completely silent in his conversation with President Xi about China's *jugalbandi* with Pakistan during Operation Sindoor...," he added.

"He betrayed the national interest with his clean chit to China on June 19, 2020. Now, August 31, 2025, will also go down as a day of infamy for his cowardly kowtowing in Tianjin," Mr. Ramesh said.

Revelations on 'vote theft' will be as explosive as hydrogen bomb: Rahul

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rahul Gandhi with INDIA bloc leaders, during a roadshow on the final day of 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', in Patna on Monday. ANI

Leaders of the INDIA bloc demonstrated solidarity on the final day of the alliance's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' (voter rights rally) against the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar on Monday.

The rally, which was launched on August 17 in Sasaram of Rohtas district, ended in Patna, with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Yadav, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Trinamool Congress MP Yusuf Pathan, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, CPI(M) general secretary M.A. Baby, Vikassheel Insaan Party chief Mukesh Sahani, CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya and other leaders of the INDIA bloc joining in.

Addressing the public meeting in Patna, Mr. Gandhi said, "Mahadevapura was an atom bomb, soon I will come out with a 'hydrogen bomb' of revelations about 'vote *chori*' and after that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not be able to show his face to the country."

Mr. Gandhi said that "vote theft" was about theft of rights, reservation, employment, education, democracy and the future of youth.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said this was the fourth yatra led by Mr. Gandhi to protect the rights of people. He said the rally had created awareness against "vote theft" not only in Bihar but across the country.

He took a dig at Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar saying "he came to us but he turned back in fear". "He did not have the strength to fight against injustice. Leaving the socialist ideology, he followed RSS, BJP. They will junk him in some dumpyard," Mr. Kharge said.

Mr. Tejashwi Yadav said, "The land of Bihar is the mother of democracy. The BJP, in collusion with the Election Commission, wants to end democracy and the Constitution. Narendra Modi will set up factories in Gujarat and wants victory in Bihar. By doing this, they want to deceive Bihar, but this is not possible. The people of Bihar will teach such deceitful people a lesson."

Mr. Soren slammed the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre and accused them of misusing Central agencies against Opposition leaders.

BJP takes dig at Rahul over his 'hydrogen bomb' remark

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday questioned the political maturity of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of making "irresponsible" statements and disrespecting constitutional institutions such as the Election Commission.

"What is the relation between elections and the atom bomb or hydrogen bomb?... why are you demeaning yourself as the Leader of the Opposition? The country knows it well how you got the post, was it because of your talent or your family?" former Union Minister and BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad said responding to Mr. Gandhi's claims that his party would soon come out with a "hydrogen bomb" of revelations on alleged vote theft.

'Overwhelmingly' more requests for exclusions than inclusions after Aug. 22: EC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The EC said it had received only 22,723 claims for inclusion from August 22 to 30. ANI

An Election Commission (EC) note submitted on Monday in the Supreme Court showed that requests to delete or exclude names from the Bihar draft electoral roll "overwhelmed" claims for inclusion by almost six times between August 22 and 30.

August 22 was when the court enabled voters to use Aadhaar as a standalone document to file their respective forms of claims or objections in the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise.

The judicial direction recognising Aadhaar as an eligible document was expected to bolster applications for inclusion on the draft rolls. Both petitioners and political parties had said there was a "surge" of excluded voters who wanted their names restored on the Bihar electoral rolls after August 22.

Instead, the EC said it had received only 22,723 claims for inclusion from August 22 to 30.

On the other hand, the period saw an "overwhelming" 1,34,738 objections filed to exclude/remove names from the draft roll, the EC told a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi.

"In many cases, voters are coming to say their names are on another voter list. Deletions of names from the draft list are sought for reasons of death and duplications," senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, for the EC, submitted.

The preliminary voter list had excluded approximately 65 lakh electors in Bihar. The total number of voters, following the publication of the draft roll on August 1, fell from 7.89 crore to 7.24 crore.

'Trust deficit'

In a criticism aimed at political parties, the EC said none of them, except the RJD and the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation, had assisted excluded voters in Bihar to file their claims for inclusion in the electoral roll.

"Apart from CPI(ML) and RJD, none of the other recognised political parties have, either through their office-bearers or validly appointed booth-level agents [BLAs], assisted any elector out of the approximately 65 lakh whose names are not included in the draft roll to submit Form 6 [form for inclusion under the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960] with declaration. None of the other recognised political parties have enabled filing of claims or objections in the prescribed format," the EC's note highlighted.

Justice Kant read symptoms of a trust deficit between political parties and individual voters.

The court directed the Chairperson of the Bihar State Legal Services Authority to activate para-legal volunteers to help individuals and political parties to submit claims, objections, and corrections in every district across the State.

Each para-legal volunteer would file individual confidential reports of the information gathered by them to the District and Sessions judge concerned.

Trinamool hits out as Army takes down stage

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

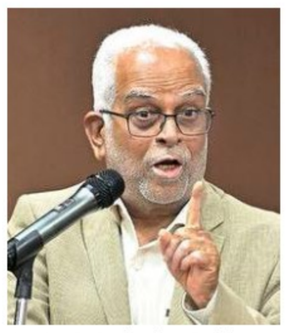
West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday took strong exception to personnel of the Indian Army dismantling a stage set up by the Trinamool Congress. She accused the BJP of using the Army to dismantle the stage.

"They [the Army] should have consulted the Kolkata Police Commissioner, who, in turn, would have told us and we would have removed the stage," Ms. Banerjee told presspersons.

Reminders had been sent to the organisers for removal of the temporary structure, which was, however, not removed, a statement by the Union Ministry of Defence said.

Justice Reddy calls EC's path 'most pressing constitutional challenge'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD



Justice B. Sudershan Reddy

The Vice-Presidential candidate and former Supreme Court judge, Justice B. Sudershan Reddy (retd), on Monday raised serious concern over the Election Commission's new path, describing it as "the most pressing constitutional challenge facing the country today".

He cautioned that if the institution continued on its present course, "democracy in India would be in peril".

He was speaking to presspersons in Hyderabad at a programme to introduce him to the Opposition leaders.

Invoking the legacy of India's democratic journey, Justice Reddy recalled that Indians had become voters even before they became citizens of Independent India. "That is the power of the vote. Vote was a part of the narrative of the nationalist struggle, and it is this spirit that prompted me to accept the nomination for Vice-President," he said, holding up a copy of the Constitution.

Justice Reddy said that speaking up for electoral integrity was not just his responsibility as a candidate, but the responsibility of every citizen. "I did not enter politics, but every voter is connected to some political thought and opinion. My 53 years of association with the Constitution, as a practitioner and interpreter, have compelled me to defend it in every way possible," he said.

Open debate

Justice Reddy said what troubled him most was the lack of meaningful debate between contestants. "I am looking for a healthy debate. My opponent is not to be seen. This is not to belittle his absence, but to highlight how important open debate is for the health of our democracy," he said.

He said he was committed to ensuring that the Vice-Presidential election would be remembered as "the most decent election ever fought".

He made it clear that the election was not about political parties. "Votes are cast not for parties, but for candidates by members of Parliament. I seek their votes not on party basis, but as an individual," he said.

Responding to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks linking him to the rise of Naxalism, Justice Reddy said he welcomed a dialogue. "I wish Mr. Amit Shah had read the judgment before making the statement. It was a Supreme Court judgment, authored by me, and later endorsed without a single change by other judges as well," he clarified.

Ex-Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar vacates Enclave

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar moved out of the Vice-President's Enclave on Monday, more than a month after his resignation from the post. He resigned on July 21, the first day of the Parliament's Monsoon Session, citing health reasons.

He has shifted out to Indian Lok Dal President Abhay Chautala's farmhouse at Chhatarpur in the capital, till the Central Public Works Department can ready his retirement home. He has been allotted a Type-8 residence, which is the largest category of the official bungalows on A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Road. It is estimated to take about three months for repairs and renovation.

Mr. Dhankhar credits Mr. Chautala's grandfather, former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, as his political mentor, saying he transformed him from a "pleader" into a "leader." In the 1989 Lok Sabha election, Devi Lal offered Mr. Dhankhar Janata Dal ticket to contest the Jhunjhunu Lok Sabha seat in Rajasthan.

"It is his home, he is welcome to stay as long as he wishes to," Mr. Chautala said.

INBRIEF

Indian Navy ships conclude Saudi visit with joint exercise

Indian Navy warships *INS Tamal* and *INS Surat* (in picture) concluded their port call at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia on August 30, with a passage exercise alongside the Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF) corvette *HMS Jazan*, before proceeding on deployment. The ships engaged extensively with the RSNF and Saudi Border Guard through sports fixtures and interactions with personnel. On August 28, the vessels hosted India's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, onboard. The visit underscored India's commitment to strengthening defence cooperation with Saudi Arabia while offering both navies opportunities to share best practices and explore future engagements.

Centre launches 'Adi Vaani' to translate Adivasi languages

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs on Monday launched the beta version of its Adi Vaani Adivasi language translation application and website at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, with Minister of State Durgadas Uikey saying that it will "help bridge communication gaps for tribal communities in remote areas and empower tribal youth digitally". The government, in a statement, called it a "landmark initiative towards inclusive tribal empowerment and linguistic preservation". The app, which has been in development for over a year now, has capabilities to translate Adivasi languages to and from Hindi and English. In its first phase, the supported languages include Gondi, Bhili, Mundari, Santali, Kui, and Garo.

Cancellation of Javed Akhtar event sparks row in Bengal

Civil rights groups accuse the State government of bowing to fundamentalist forces by cancelling the Urdu Academy programme, calling the move politically driven and a betrayal of secularism

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Civil rights groups in Kolkata have expressed concern over the cancellation of an event of the West Bengal Urdu Academy in which lyricist Javed Akhtar was scheduled to participate.

While human rights groups say the State government has bowed down to fundamentalist forces, those opposing the event say they do not want to disrupt communal amity in West Bengal.

In an official statement, Nuzhat Zainab, member-secretary of the Urdu Academy, had said: "Due to unavoidable circumstances, the four-day programme, Urdu in Hindi Cinema, scheduled from August 31-September 3, is being postponed."

The Association for Protection of Democratic Rights, one of the oldest human rights group in Kolkata, has condemned the cancellation, and said the government is not doing its duty of protecting secularism as mentioned in the Constitution. "There is no use appealing to the government to start the event again. It will not help because this decision has come from the top-most people of the government. This is a political decision right before the elections because the State does not want to anger a certain group," Ranjit Sur, general secretary of the APDR, told *The Hindu* on Monday.

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Event on hold: An event in which poet-lyricist Javed Akhtar was supposed to speak has been cancelled in Kolkata. DEBASISH BHADURI

Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, one of the groups which opposed the event, said that they were protesting against veteran poet Javed Akhtar attending the event because he has "insulted all religions and their gods including Islam".

"He may be an atheist, we do not have a problem with that, but he does not have the right to insult other people's religions. We live in communal harmony in West Bengal. If Javed Akhtar comes here and makes communal comments against any religion, it will disrupt the peace in this State," Zillur Rahman Arif, general secretary, Kolkata Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, said.

Mr. Arif added that they were not against any other events organised by the Urdu Academy of West Bengal but rather only against the one to which Mr. Akhtar was invited.

However, the APDR said the decision to postpone the event was politically motivated as the Assembly election was due in 2026. Mr. Sur said the real reason was the fear of political unrest.

"We therefore demand from the State government that the government should explain to the people of the State why it did this. The State government should change its decision and bring Javed Akhtar to Kolkata with respect and hold the event," a statement from the APDR said.

Nadimul Haque, Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha member and Vice-Chairman of the Urdu Academy, did not answer any questions on the cancellation of the event. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is the Chairman of the academy.

Author Taslima Nasreen said the Left front government in the past had "forced" her to leave West Bengal.

"The CPM government of West Bengal forced me to leave the State. Whose power did that strengthen? The power of Islamist fundamentalist forces. Now they are enraged against Javed Akhtar, who has been invited by the Urdu Academy. They are declaring, 'Javed Akhtar has criticised Islam – we will not allow him to enter West Bengal. If he enters, we will drive him out the way we drove out Taslima.' The Urdu Academy stands helpless before the Islamist fundamentalists. Even the state government itself is perhaps helpless."

SC seeks response to transgender-inclusive sex education plea

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The court order on integration of comprehensive sexuality education is not implemented.

The Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from the Union government, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), and several States on a petition seeking the integration of transgender-inclusive comprehensive sexuality education into school curricula across the country.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandran issued notice on the petition filed by Kaavya Mukherjee Saha, a 16-year-old student from Delhi, and directed the respondents to file their replies within six weeks.

Appearing for the petitioner, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan submitted that despite the Supreme Court's 2014 judgment in *National Legal Services Authority v Union of India* mandating the integration of comprehensive sexuality education into school education, the directive remains unimplemented. He cited a recent Right to Information (RTI) reply in which NCERT admitted it had "no information" on the introduction of such material in its curriculum.

"This shows the orders of this court remain unimplemented," Mr. Sankaranarayanan said, stressing that sexuality education must encompass gender sensitisation and transgender-inclusive perspectives.

The plea alleged that the NCERT and most State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) had failed to include examinable modules on gender identity, gender diversity, and the distinction between sex and gender, despite explicit obligations under Sections 2(d) and 13 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. Textbook reviews from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka revealed systemic omissions, with Kerala a partial exception.

The petitioner said these omissions violated the right to equality and undermined the Directive Principles of State Policy.

New Bairabi-Sairang rail line set to improve connectivity in Mizoram

Anil Kumar Sastry
AIZAWL

Mizoram will soon be connected to the national railway network when Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the 51.38-km Bairabi-Sairang broad-gauge line, constructed at an estimated ₹5,021 crore, in the second week of September.

The new line terminating at Sairang will connect Aizawl, the State capital about 20 km away, with the rest of the country. The line links Silchar in Assam via Bhodahpur Junction, integrating the network with Assam, Tripura, and Arunachal Pradesh.

Indian Railways has big plans to connect the other northeastern States of Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, and Sikkim with the national network by 2030, a senior Northeast Frontier Railway official said.

The line ending at Sairang, about 20 km from Aizawl, connects the State capital with other northeastern States. ANIL KUMAR SASTRY

The official told visiting presspersons on Sunday that the project fulfilled the cherished dream of Mizoram residents for railway connectivity to the State capital.

While access by road took long hours of travel, flying was expensive. Travel by train would provide an affordable options to all categories of people, besides boosting economic activities in the region with a special focus on tourism, the official said.

The new line has 48 tunnels with a total length of 12.85 km, the longest being about 1.37 km; 55 major bridges with the longest being about 1.3 km and the tallest, Krung Bridge at Sairang, being 114 m from the base; 87 minor bridges; five road overbridges; and six road underbridges.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for the project on November 29, 2014. He virtually flagged off the first passenger train between Bairabi and Silchar on May 27, 2016.

The official said almost all essential items to Mizoram were brought from Silchar in Assam, a journey of about 10 hours by road. With the new line, the travel time gets reduced to about three hours.

(The reporter is on a field visit organised by the Indian Railways to get a first-hand experience of the Bairabi-Sairang-Line.)

Larger Bench to rule if minority-run schools are exempted from RTE Act

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday referred to a larger Bench the question of whether minority educational institutions are entirely exempt from the purview of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

A two-judge Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan made the reference in a judgment based on a batch of civil appeals questioning school education departments' insistence on faculty clearing the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) in minority institutions.

The reference stems from apprehensions over a Constitution Bench verdict of 2014 in *Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust* case. In the case, a five-judge Bench was testing the constitutionality of Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education Act. The provision mandates educational institutions to provide 25% reservation for children from disadvantaged groups and weaker sections at the entry level in order to foster social inclusion in elementary education.

> Minority status seems to have become a vehicle for circumventing the mandate of the RTE Act and tool to achieve autonomous status
>
> **DIPANKAR DATTA**
> SUPREME COURT JUDGE

However, the 2014 judgment concluded that Section 12(1)(c) violated the minority character of these institutions and impacted their institutional autonomy. The Constitution Bench went on to take minority institutions entirely out of the ambit of the RTE law. Justice Datta, writing for the Bench, observed that the *Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust* judgment has "unknowingly jeopardised the very foundation of universal elementary education".

"Exemption of minority institutions from the RTE Act leads to fragmentation of the common schooling vision and weakening of the idea of inclusivity and universality envisioned by Article 21A. We are afraid, instead of uniting children across caste, class, creed, and community, it reinforces 'divides' and 'dilutes' the transformative potential of shared learning spaces," Justice Datta pointed out.

The judge wrote that the 2014 judgment has led to misuse. "Minority status seems to have become a vehicle for circumventing the mandate of the RTE Act. In our humble opinion, it has opened up a situation whereby multiple institutions have sought to acquire minority status to become autonomous," Justice Datta observed.

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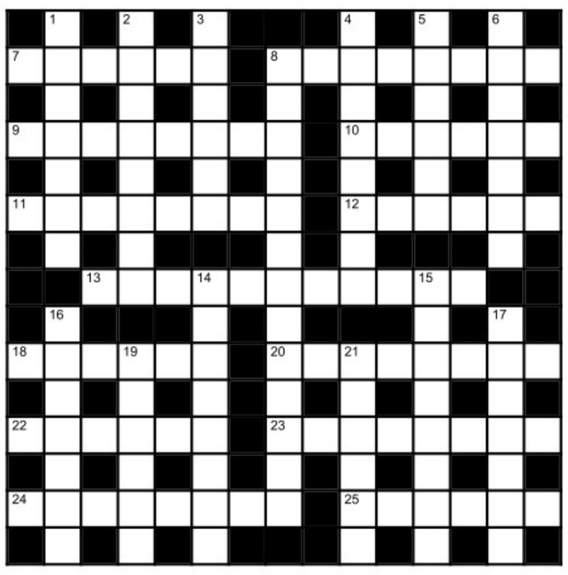

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7 That lady in a complex medical condition (6)
8 Spooner's instructions to batter and pummel minced beef? (8)
9 Transporter of stable beings? (8)
10 Shabby wager about a state in India (4-2)
11 Honey producer's bitter chase meets dead end? (8)
12 Nut delivered a mouth freshener (6)
13 Do these small broken pieces somehow endorse theism? (11)
18 A fine and secure state (6)
20 Repudiate unfortunate ban on E Portal (8)
22 Counter a mountaineer, say (6)
23 Damp date escapes for a bit of leftover modesty (8)
24 Every now and then Mahomet procured cleaners in vehicles (8)
25 Forlorn and bewildered, Noel's extremely laggardly (6)

Down

1 Whoa! Eros (Olympian-God) smuggled an atomiser (7)
2 Unit of measurement's converted? Not grams (8)
3 Tailless deer in fiction loves grass (6)
4 Oddly Beau robbed crude grill (8)
5 Confused about small submarines (1-5)
6 Chapters about the French Applications (7)
8 Trash poem? Incongruous literary device! (5,8)
14 Plant trees around malls, airports, restaurants and cemented kerbs from the beginning (8)
15 Ling repeatedly chopped up? It's bothersome! (8)
16 Secret sauce from unknown industry's restricted (1,6)
17 Section of Royalty let a Tsar make a comeback in August (7)
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FAITH

Duties of a householder

Yudhishthira tells the sages, who want to go to the forest with the Pandavas, that while he likes the company of learned men, he does not want them to suffer in the forest. In the Mahabharata, we find Vidura advising Dhritarashtra to always seek the company of the learned. Those with knowledge will give proper and timely advice to those they are with. Yudhishthira tells the sages that he does not desire wealth for himself, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. But wealth is necessary if he is to take care of the interests of the sages. A householder has the important duty of having to provide for sanyasis. A sanyasi should always have *darbha* grass, good water and a proper place to carry out his duties. A householder must ensure that sages are given whatever they need.

In addition, a *grihastha* must provide water for the thirsty, a resting place for those who are tired, and food for the hungry. Unfortunately, Yudhishthira now has nothing. He has been stripped of all his possessions. How then can he take care of the sadhus if they insist on following him? That is his worry. Every man should treat guests, relatives and members of his family with respect. Even when one cooks food, one must never do it with the thought that one is preparing food for oneself. One must think of how to share the food with those who lack the means to have a hearty meal. Suppose one comes across a man who is a total stranger. If one finds him tired after a long journey, one should immediately give him food. This too is the duty of a householder. Yudhishthira tells sage Saunaka that the highest dharma is for a man to carry out all the duties of a householder without fail.

INBRIEF

GST revenue rises 6.5% to ₹1.86 lakh cr. in August

GST collection in August rose 6.5% to over ₹1.86 lakh crore with increased domestic sales, and the upcoming festive season is likely to swell the kitty going forward. The August Goods and Services Tax (GST) mop-up is, however, lower than ₹₹1.96 lakh crore collected in July. In August 2024, the collection was ₹1.75 lakh crore. The gross domestic revenue grew 9.6% to ₹1.37 lakh crore, while tax from imports dipped 1.2% to ₹49,354 crore in August. PTI

Q1 FY26 current account deficit narrows to $2.4 billion

India's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to $2.4 billion (0.2% of GDP) in the April-June quarter (Q1 FY26) from $8.6 billion (0.9% of GDP) in the year-ago period and against a surplus of $ 13.5 billion (1.3% of GDP) in Q4 FY25, according to data released by RBI on Monday. Merchandise trade deficit at $68.5 billion in Q1 FY26 was higher than $63.8 billion in Q1 FY25. Net services receipts increased to $ 47.9 billion in Q1 FY26 from $ 39.7 billion a year ago.

GST rationalisation: Tyre industry seeks lower rates

The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) has sought lower rates in the proposed GST rate rationalisation exercise. At present, all major categories of automotive tyres attract GST at 28%, whereas tractor tyres and aircraft tyres are taxed at 18% and 5% respectively. In a communication to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, ATMA emphasised that tyres are essential enablers of mobility across all segments and therefore merit much lower taxation.

IT Minister, officials meet online gaming industry delegates

The representatives discussed potential avenues for an orderly transition to the new legislative regime and ways to protect users' money

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Game over: Mr. Vaishnaw had earlier argued that many people get addicted and lifetime savings evaporate in games. FILE PHOTO

Seeking to address concerns of the industry mired in uncertainties since the passing of the online gaming legislation, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and officials of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) met industry representatives on Monday, according to government sources aware of the development.

The attendees discussed potential avenues for an orderly transition to the new legislative regime and ways to protect users' money, alongside promotion of eSports and social games in the country. The sources further informed that it was noted that the industry had taken steps to ensure compliance with the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025. The legislation seeks to "prohibit the offering, operation, facilitation, advertisement, promotion and participation in online money games".

Thus, it specifically targeted firms that offered fantasy sports and online card games entailing the prospect of risking money. Whilst moving the Bill in Parliament, Mr. Vaishnaw had argued, "Many people get addicted, lifetime savings evaporate in games, and with the algorithms in use, there may be untold levels of fraud and cheating."

While the two largest real money gaming firms, Dream11 and Gameskraft, have indicated their unwillingness to challenge the legislation, their industry peer, Mobile Premier League (MPL) is seeking to sack about 60% of their local workforce, as learnt from a company source.

Top car makers see sales slide YoY in Aug.

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Maruti Suzuki India posted an more than 7% fall in domestic sales to 1,44,145 units

Top passenger car companies witnessed reduced sales in August 2025 possibly due to buyers deferring purchase decisions to pay lower goods and services tax (GST) as and when it is applicable. The Prime Minister had on August 15, announced rationalisation of GST, which has led to a wait-and-watch situation.

Market leader Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. reported a more than 7% fall in domestic sales at 1,44,145 units from 1,55,779 units sold in August 2024. Exports were up at 36,538 units compared with 26,003 units a year ago.

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. reported a more than 11% fall in domestic sales at 44,001 units compared with 49,525 units a year ago. However, the company regained its number two position in wholesale despite reporting comparatively lower numbers. In August, Hyundai exported 16,500 units compared with 13,650 units in the same period last year.

Tata Motors also saw its domestic passenger car wholesales, including those of EVs, sliding 7% to 41,001 units compared with 44,142 units sold a year ago, while Mahindra & Mahindra reported a 9% degrowth in domestic sales of utility vehicles at 39,399 units compared with 43,277 units a year earlier.

Honda Cars India sold 3,850 units in the domestic market in August compared with 5,326 units sold in the same period last year, a massive 28% fall. Its exports also reduced to 2,924 units from 5,817 units a year ago. Surprisingly, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Ltd. sold 11% more vehicles at 34,236 units compared with 30,879 units in the same period last year.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,364	0.70
US Dollar	88.10	-0.01
Gold	1,05,670	0.95
Brent oil	68.13	—

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2284.20	39.50
Adani Ports	1335.30	22.50
Apollo Hosp	7671.50	61.50
Asian Paints	2570.20	51.60
Axis Bank	1061.50	16.30
Bajaj Auto	8967.00	335.50
Bajaj Finserv	1943.50	30.00
Bajaj Finance	889.35	11.50
Bharat Elec	373.90	4.50
Bharti Airtel	1900.60	11.80
Cipla	1587.20	-2.20
Coal India	377.90	3.10
Dr Reddys Lab	1279.90	19.80
Eicher Motors	6280.00	177.00
Eternal Ltd.	321.10	7.15
Grasim Ind	2803.90	28.30
HCL Tech	1468.40	13.60
HDFC Bank	950.60	-1.00
HDFC Life	781.80	9.75
Hero MotoCorp	5244.00	156.30
Hindalco	719.60	15.65
Hind Unilever	2649.50	-10.30
ICICI Bank	1411.00	13.20
IndusInd Bank	752.85	13.35
Infosys	1499.40	29.80
ITC	405.85	-3.90
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	314.05	2.35
JSW Steel	1035.50	8.90
Kotak Bank	1968.60	8.30
L&T	3598.40	-2.60
M&M	3315.40	115.90
Maruti Suzuki	14887.00	96.00
NestleIndia	1174.40	18.20
NTPC	330.70	3.15
ONGC	238.72	5.01
PowerGrid Corp	279.85	4.60
Reliance Ind	1353.90	-3.30
SBI Life	1809.80	4.30
State Bank	806.05	3.55
Shriram Finance Ltd.	588.60	8.35
Sun Pharma	1563.30	-31.20
TataConsumerProduct	1075.70	10.30
Tata Motors	690.15	21.15
Tata Steel	156.17	1.69
TCS	3112.60	27.90
Tech Mahindra	1505.50	24.10
Titan	3618.60	-10.20
Trent Ltd.	5450.00	152.00
UltraTech Cement	12826.00	186.00
Wipro	250.36	0.95

Manufacturing PMI rises to 17-year high in August

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Activity in the manufacturing sector in August 2025 expanded at the fastest rate in more than 17 years, propelled by a demand-driven rise in new orders and production, according to a private sector survey.

The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) climbed to 59.3 in August from 59.1 in July, indicating the "fastest improvement in operating conditions for 17-and-a-half years", the report said. The graphs included in the report show that India's manufacturing PMI was last higher in mid-2008.

"Companies upped the pace at which additional materials were bought, and more jobs were created, partly reflecting positive expectations regarding the outlook," the report said. The survey report went on to explain that the uptick in the headline PMI figure reflected an acceleration in the growth of production volumes, which grew the quickest in close to five years.

"The increase of U.S. tariff on Indian goods to 50% might have contributed to the slight easing in new export orders growth, as American buyers refrain from placing orders in the midst of tariff uncertainty," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC.

Deutsche Bank said to put India retail banking up for sale

Deutsche Bank is exploring the sale of its Indian retail banking assets and invited bids from domestic and foreign lenders in the country, two sources told *Reuters*.

Ashok Leyland, CALB of China sign battery deal worth ₹5,000 cr.

A Global Centre of Excellence will be created to serve as a hub for battery R&D

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland, flagship of the Hinduja Group, said it has entered into a long-term exclusive partnership with CALB Group, one of the foremost battery technology companies in China, in the backdrop of improving bilateral relations and will invest more than ₹5,000 crore over the next 7-10 years for battery localisation in India.

In a statement, the company said it will not only provide for Ashok Leyland and Switch's own electric vehicle portfolio but also cater to the non-captive demand in the entire automotive industry as well as in energy storage sector.

"Ashok Leyland is deeply committed to shaping the future of sustainable mobility in India in full alignment with the Government's vision. Our strategic partnership with CALB is a significant step towards creating a localised battery supply chain in India to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles in India and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels," Dheeraj Hinduja, chairman, Ashok Leyland, said.

"In the initial phase, the new battery business shall focus on the automotive sector and then move to non-automotive areas as well, including energy storage systems. A Global Centre of Excellence will be created to serve as a hub for research and development, fostering innovation in battery materials, recycling, battery management systems, and advanced manufacturing processes," said Shenu Agarwal, MD & CEO.

The partnership marks yet another milestone for Ashok Leyland and Hinduja Group's ongoing commitment towards electrification, the company said.

Maruti starts shipping e Vitaras to 12 European countries

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. said it has commenced exports of Suzuki's first battery electric vehicle (BEV), the e Vitara, to Europe. More than 2,900 units were on Monday shipped from Pipavav Port in Gujarat to 12 European countries – the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, France, Denmark, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Sweden, Hungary, Iceland, Austria, and Belgium.

NMDC's iron ore production climbed 10% in August, sales 8%

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

NMDC's iron-ore production in August rose almost 10% to 3.37 million tonne (MT) compared with the 3.07 MT a year earlier.

Sales of the key raw material for steel at 3.39 MT (3.14 MT) were almost 8% higher, as per exchange filings. NMDC reported a 27.85% rise in the output for the five months, ended August, to 18.45 MT (14.43 MT). Sales climbed 12.90% to 18.37 MT (16.27 MT).

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S.V. INSTITUTE OF HIGHER VEDIC STUDIES **NOTIFICATION** 02/2025
Roc No. TTD-35021(88)/32/2019-SVIHVS Dated:01-09-2025
Applications are invited from the eligible **AGNIHOTRIS** to be enrolled under **AHITAGNI SCHEME of T.T. Devasthanams.** Last date for receipt of application is **08-09-2025.**
Please visit for details www.tirumala.org.
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TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC (Adv.No.197) Date:01-09-2025 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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EXTENSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
O/o THE CHIEF ENGINEER (Buildings), Pallom, Kottayam.
Phone No. 9446008206, E mail: cebuildingspallom@gmail.com
Name of work: Engaging a consultancy firm for the restoration work of Munnar House / Marikar Bungalow at Munnar.
Last date of Submission: **16.09.2025, 02:30 pm**
For more details **www.kseb.in** Ref: PR/MC1/F362/E-tender/2025

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENIGNEER, PWD, ZONE BIKANER
No:-1180 Dt.:-22-08-2025
NIB CODE:- PWD2526A2813
NIB NO. 08/2025-26
Bid for Construction (1) "Widening and Strengthning of single lane road to double lane road from Jamsar-Dandoosar-Malasar-Molaniya-Karmisar-KhariKujti-Sehjrasar to Peepera Km 56/000 to 128/000 (MDR-414) (56/00 at Kujti & 128/00 at Peepera NH-62" and (2) 'Widening and Strengthning of single lane road to double lane road from Kharda-Rajpura-Sheruna, Rajedu Km 22/0 to 88/900 (MDR-298)' is invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM dt. 24.09.2025 (Wednesday) Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and DIPR department website. The approximate values of the procurement is Rs. **18192.69 Lakhs.**
UBN Code No.
PWD2526WLOB10467
PWD2526WLOB10468
DIPR/C/12416/2025 **Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone Bikaner**

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IMPORTANT DATE
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2. Online Registration closes on :**22.09.2025** - (Monday) – 4 PM
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Office of the Additional Chief Engineer & Project Manager
Watershed Development & Soil Conservation Zila Parishad Bikaner
S.N. :F.(WCDC)/PMKSY 2.0/BID/2025-26/1492-1500 Date : 22-08-2025
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No WSC2526A0638
On the behalf of Governor of Rajasthan, bids for the execution of Construction of NRM & Production Works under PMKSY 2.0 Projects of estimated value as mentioned below are invited from interested bidders up to 03.09.2025. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state, and www.watershed.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website.

Bid No.	Block	Estimated Cost, (Rs. in lakhs)	UBN No.
34	Kolayat	28.00	WSC2526WSOB001099
35	Panchu	23.33	WSC2526WSOB01100
36	Bikaner	298.94	WSC2526WSOB01101

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E-tenders are invited by Managing Director for the below mentioned works:-

Tender Id	Name of Work	Bid closing date
2025_KIAL_791633_1	O & M and AICMC of HVAC systems at PTB & ATC buildings, and AMC of Split/Ductable AC units in various buildings, including BMS operation for 3 years.	18-Sep-2025 11:00 AM
2025_KIAL_792627_1	Composite Tender for Maintenance of ELV system at PTB and ATC	19-Sep-2025 05:00 PM
2025_KIAL_792188_1	O & M and AICMC of 200 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant for 3 years	19-Sep-2025 03:00 PM

For full details of tenders, please visit etenders.kerala.gov.in.
Future addendum / corrigendum etc. will be published in this website only
Sd/- Managing Director

Government of Tamil Nadu
FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN WELFARE DEPARTMENT
EOI Ref. No.05/DB/F-20/2025 **Dated : 28.08.2025**
REQUIREMENT OF VACANT LAND FOR SETTING UP AND OPERATING 50 TONNE CAPACITY ICE PLANT / 100 TONNE CAPACITY COLD STORAGE UNIT AT THIRUVOTTRIYUR TUNA FISHING HARBOUR
Tamil Nadu Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department invites Expression of Interest (EOI) (Retender) from Private players for requirement of vacant land for setting up and operating 50 tonne capacity ice Plant / 100 tonne capacity cold Storage unit at Thiruvottriyur Tuna Fishing Harbour under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode. The schedule of important dates are as follows:

Date of Issue of EOI Documents	**04.09.2025 @ 05.00 PM**
Application Due Date and Time	**18.09.2025 @ 03.00 PM**
Opening Date and Time	**19.09.2025 @ 03.30 PM**

For Detailed Re-Expression of Interest, Please visit: **https://tntenders.gov.in/https://tn.fisheries.in**
DIPR/4755/Tender/2025 **Executive Engineer, Fishing Harbour Project Circle, Chennai - 600 035**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA.
email : serwsbd2003@yahoo.com
Letter No. 3112 Date: 25.08.2025
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GePNIC e_Procurement Notice
1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Weir (Bridge) Works - 02 Nos.**
2. Class of Contractor : **"B" Class & "A" Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Varies from Rs.100.16 Lakhs to Rs.122.34 Lakhs (Approximately)**
4. Details of projects : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	**CCERWCSBD - Online - 14/2025-26**	**03.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.**	**17.09.2025 up to 05.00 P.M.**	**16.09.2025 up to 2.00 P.M.**	**18.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.**	**To be intimated separately**

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site : **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.
O-672: **Chief Construction Engineer, RW Circle, Sunabeda.**
OIPR-25182/11/0074/2526

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INDORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
जहाँ निरन्तर विकास ही लक्ष्य है
निविदा विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक 232/इ.टी./2025-26 दिनांक: 28.08.2025
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उल्लेखित कार्य की यह संक्षिप्त निविदा सूचना है, विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट https://www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र आनलाईन निर्धारित शुल्क भुगतान कर क्रय किये जा सकते हैं।

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1	2025_DTCP_446349_1 22-08-2025	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR ELECTRIFICATION AND ALLIED SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TPS-01, TPS-03, TPS-04, TPS-05, TPS-08, TPS-09 AND TPS-10 PROJECTS OF IDA INDORE (3rd Call)	1110.00 Crores	11,10,000/-	12-09-2025

नोट:-निविदा में भविष्य में किये जाने वाले समस्त संशोधनों को केवल वेबसाईट https://www.mptenders.gov.in पर ही अपलोड किया जावेगा।
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SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim takes train to China for military parade

REUTERS

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un left Pyongyang by train on Monday to attend a military parade in China, media reported, the first time he will have taken part in a major multilateral diplomatic event. The reclusive leader, who rarely leaves North Korea, is expected to arrive in Beijing on Tuesday. REUTERS

BRUSSELS

Russia suspected of jamming radar of EU leader's plane above Bulgaria

AP

A plane carrying European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen was hit by radar jamming over Bulgaria in a suspected Russian operation, a spokesperson said on Monday. The plane landed safely at Plovdiv airport and Ms. von der Leyen will continue her tour of the EU nations bordering Russia and Belarus. AP

HANOVER

45 Afghans enter Germany from Pakistan following court ruling

REUTERS

A group of 45 Afghans who fled the Taliban arrived in Germany on Monday after months of waiting in Pakistan until German court rulings forced Berlin to offer them refuge. They were among 2,000 Afghans caught in limbo in Pakistan as Germany's government this year froze a programme to offer them sanctuary. AFP

DEIR AL-BALAH

Strikes across Gaza Strip kill 31 as experts accuse Israel of genocide

REUTERS

Israel launched strikes across the Gaza Strip on Monday, killing at least 31 people as it presses ahead with a major offensive in the territory's largest city, according to health officials. Leading genocide scholars, meanwhile, joined other rights groups in accusing Israel of genocide, allegations it vehemently rejects. AP

Rescue on as Afghanistan is struck by one of the worst earthquakes

It is set to stretch the resources of the war-torn nation's Taliban administration, already grappling with humanitarian crises; it's Afghanistan's third major earthquake since the Taliban took over in 2021, triggering a cut to the international funding

Reuters
KABUL

One of Afghanistan's worst earthquakes killed more than 800 people and injured at least 2,800, authorities said on Monday, as helicopters ferried the wounded to hospital after they were plucked from the rubble of homes being combed for survivors.

The disaster is set to further stretch the resources of the war-torn nation's Taliban administration, already grappling with humanitarian crises, from a sharp drop in aid to the pushback of hundreds of thousands of Afghans by neighbouring countries.

First responders: Injured victims of the earthquake are evacuated by a military helicopter in Mazar Dara in Kunar province. AP

Sharafat Zaman, the spokesperson for the Health Ministry in Kabul, called for international aid to tackle the devastation from the quake of magnitude 6 that struck around midnight, at a depth of 10 km. "We need it because here lots of people lost their lives and houses," he said.

812 killed

The quake killed 812 people in the eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar, said administration spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid.

Rescuers were battling to reach remote mountainous areas cut off from mobile networks along the Pakistani border, where mudbrick homes dotting the slopes collapsed in the quake.

It was Afghanistan's third major deadly quake since the Taliban took over in 2021 as foreign forces withdrew, triggering a cut to the international funding that formed the bulk of government finances.

Even humanitarian aid, aimed at bypassing political institutions to serve urgent needs, has shrunk to $767 million this year, down from $3.8 billion in 2022.

Previous quake

A 6.1-magnitude earthquake that killed 1,000 people in the eastern region that year was the first major natural disaster faced by the Taliban government.

Dissanayake makes surprise Katchatheevu visit, vows to protect Sri Lankan territory

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's President Anura Kumara Dissanayake – who was on Monday in the northern Jaffna district to launch development projects – made a quick, unannounced visit to Katchatheevu, after vowing to safeguard "seas and islands" around the country and resist any "external pressure".

Jaffna media was caught by surprise as the President's trip to the island, by a naval speed boat according to local news reports, was not mentioned in his official itinerary.

The visit followed a ceremony to begin the expansion of the Myliddy Fisheries Harbour in Jaffna, a project aimed at boosting livelihoods of war-affected fishermen. Speaking at the event, Mr. Dissanayake said: "The government is committed to safeguarding the surrounding seas, islands, and landmass of the country for the benefit of the people and will not allow any external force to exert influence in this regard."

Vijay's remark

The apparent reference to Katchatheevu drew immediate attention in local Tamil media, in the wake of actor Vijay's recent remarks at a political rally in Madurai that Katchatheevu must be retrieved.

Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath previously responded to the actor's remarks saying: "Katchatheevu belongs to Sri Lanka...it is Sri Lankan territory, and that will never change."

Taking stock: Sri Lanka's President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, centre, in Katchatheevu on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Speaking at a political rally in Madurai, Mr. Vijay flagged Katchatheevu – an uninhabited island located 14.5 km south of Delft Island off Jaffna Peninsula, and some 16 km northeast of Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu – as a solution to the periodic arrests faced by Tamil Nadu fishermen, on charges of fishing illegally in Sri Lankan territorial waters.

Fishing dispute

The conflict, which affects Tamil-speaking, poor fishermen on both sides of the Palk Strait, persists chiefly because of Tamil Nadu boat owners' reluctance to stop fishing using bottom trawlers, widely considered destructive.

For well over a decade now, northern Sri Lankan fishermen, struggling to overcome the impact of a devastating war, have been urging their Indian counterparts to refrain from the practice that has severely depleted their catch.

In April this year, Sri Lanka's Tamil parties told Prime Minister Narendra Modi that India must ban bottom trawling in order to resolve the conflict.

The once-disputed island of Katchatheevu is a matter settled half a century ago, after the Governments of India and Sri Lanka, under Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Sirimavo Bandaranaike, signed two bilateral agreements in 1974 and 1976. All the same, Indian political leaders across parties invoke it periodically, even though Tamil Nadu fishermen are mostly arrested well past Katchatheevu, close to Sri Lanka's northern coastline.

Recent incidents

Last year, Mr. Modi's post on 'X' accusing the Congress of "callously giving away" the island to Sri Lanka, sparked a controversy. Elaborating on the comment, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar then said the two agreements compromised Indian fishermen's rights in the Palk Strait. Speaking at a government event in Chennai in May this year, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said retrieving Katchatheevu was "the only permanent solution" to Tamil Nadu fishermen's woes.

China, Russia join Iran in rejecting EU actions

Reuters
DUBAI

UN Security Council permanent members China and Russia backed Iran on Monday in rejecting a move by European countries to reimpose UN sanctions on Tehran loosened a decade ago under a nuclear agreement. A letter signed by the Chinese, Russian and Iranian Foreign Ministers said a move by Britain, France and Germany to automatically restore the sanctions under a so-called "snapback mechanism" was "legally and procedurally flawed".

Military deployed in Jakarta as Indonesia protests persist

Agence France-Presse
JAKARTA

Six persons killed so far in demonstrations that began last week over lavish perks accorded to MPs

Thousands rallied across Indonesia on Monday as the military was deployed in the capital after six persons were killed in nationwide protests sparked by anger over lavish perks for lawmakers.

At least 500 protesters gathered outside the nation's parliament in Jakarta, watched by soldiers and police throughout the day, before dissipating after President Prabowo Subianto warned protests should end by sundown.

But elsewhere protests were more volatile.

In Gorontalo city on Sulawesi island protesters clashed with police, who responded with tear gas and water cannon. In Bandung, on the main island of Java, protesters hurled Molotov cocktails and firecrackers at the provincial council building.

Thousands assemble

Thousands more rallied in Palembang on Sumatra island and hundreds gathered separately in Banjarmasin on Borneo island, Yogyakarta on the main island of Java and Makassar on Sulawesi.

"Our main goal is to reform the parliament," protester and university student Nafta Keisya Kemalia, 20, said outside parliament before the demonstrations ended.

"Do they want to wait until we have a martial law?"

The deadly protests, which began last week over MP housing allowances nearly 10 times the minimum wage in Jakarta, have forced President Prabowo Subianto and parliament leaders to make a U-turn over the perks.

No alternative to Bangladesh election plan, says Yunus

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh's leader warned that any deviation from planned elections would be "extremely dangerous", as violent political rivalries deepen a year after the overthrow of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. "The chief adviser said there is no alternative to an election," Mr. Yunus' press secretary said on Sunday. Mr. Yunus met on Monday with Army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman, who he thanked for the "contribution to the maintenance of law and order".

Sport

Record prize money for Women's WC

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The winner of the upcoming ICC women's cricket World Cup will receive the biggest-ever prize money in the history of the tournament, the sport's global governing body announced on Monday.

"The ICC announces a staggering four-fold increase in the cash prize for the Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 to be hosted by India from 30 September to 2 November.

Bonanza

"The ICC sets a new benchmark for women's cricket as the champion will walk away with a record $4.48 million," said the ICC in a statement.

The runner-up will now receive $2.24 million, an increase of 273%.

Massive increase

"The overall purse at the eight-team tournament totals $13.88 million, a rise of 297% from the $3.5 million at the last edition in New Zealand in 2022.

The total prize pot eclipses the one at the men's cricket World Cup 2023, which had a total of $10 million."

A group-stage victory will earn a team $34,314. The teams finishing fifth and sixth will take home $700,000 each and those in seventh and eighth place will earn $280,000.

Each participating team will bag $250,000.

Barcelona escapes with a draw at Rayo

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Defending champion Barcelona dropped its first points of the LaLiga season with a 1-1 draw at Rayo Vallecano on Sunday.

The Catalan giants had goalkeeper Joan Garcia to thank for earning them that as he made several fine saves on a testing night in the Spanish capital.

Barca took the lead through a contested Lamine Yamal penalty but Fran Perez levelled after the break for the host, which could have gone on to win.

After leader Real Madrid won its third game on Saturday and Athletic Bilbao followed suit earlier on Sunday, Barcelona is fourth and trails Real by two points.

The saviour: Garcia had an outstanding game under the Barcelona bar and was instrumental in the Catalans earning a point. AP

Udinese stuns Inter

Inter Milan slumped to a shock 2-1 home defeat to Udinese on Sunday to lose early ground on Serie A leader Napoli and rival Juventus, which won 1-0 at Genoa thanks to Dusan Vlahovic.

Cristian Chivu's team trails by three points the champions, Juve, Roma and promoted Cremonese who all have two wins from their opening two fixtures of the new season.

A goal in each half from Serhou Guirassy and a late Felix Nmecha rocket lifted Borussia Dortmund to a 3-0 home win over Union Berlin in the Bundesliga on Sunday.

The results:

LaLiga: Real Betis 1 (Bakambu 90+7) lost to Athletic Bilbao 2 (Bartra 60-og, Paredes 85); Celta Vigo 1 (Iglesias 90+4) drew with Villarreal 1 (Pepe 53); Espanyol 1 (Romero 52) bt Osasuna 0; Rayo Vallecano 1 (Perez 67) drew with Barcelona 1 (Yamal 40-pen).

Serie A: Inter Milan 1 (Dumfries 18) lost to Udinese 2 (Davis 29-pen, Atta 40); Genoa 0 lost to Juventus 1 (Vlahovic 73); Lazio 4 (Guendouzi 3, Zaccagni 10, Castellanos 41, Dia 82) bt Verona 0; Torino 0 drew with Fiorentina 0.

Bundesliga: Cologne 4 (Kaminski 35, Buelter 47, Thielmann 56, El Mala 81) bt Freiburg 1 (Eggestein 84); Borussia Dortmund 3 (Guirassy 44, 58, Nmecha 81) bt Union Berlin 0; Wolfsburg 1 (Zehnter 9) drew with Mainz 1 (Amiri 90-pen).

Crimson Flame triumphs

HYDERABAD: Trainer M.F. Ali Khan's Crimson Flame, ridden by Akshay Kumar, won the Asaf Jah VII Memorial Cup (Div. I), the main event of Monday's (Sept. 1) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Md. Sultan.

1. NICE FELLA PLATE (1,400M): SUNNY DAY (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Peanut (Mukesh K) 2, Dream To Fly (G. Naresh) 3 and N R I Range (Santosh Raj) 4. Neck, Neck and 3-1/2. 1m, 28.71s. ₹38 (w), 11, 23 and 11 (p). SHP: 51, THP: 45, SHW: 10 and 55, FP: 428, Q: 244, Tanala: 1,502. Favourite: N R I Range.
Owner: Mr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

2. MOUNT PLEASANT PLATE (1,800M): ANDRE (Akshay Kumar) 1, Sanaya (Mukesh K) 2, La Fleuriere (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Mrs. Brando (I. Chisty) 4. 3, 8-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 53.94s. ₹12 (w), 10, 19 and 66 (p). SHP: 42, THP: 81, SHW: 12 and 19, FP: 61, Q: 59, Tanala: 483. Favourite: Andre.
Owners: Mrs. Anasuya Gupta & Mr. Abhiroop Gupta rep. A.G. Bloodstock LLP, Miss. Ameeta Mehra, Mr. Atul Singh & Mr. Shantanu Sharma. Trainer: Bharat Singh.

3. ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II) (1,100M): EXCLUSIVE BLACK (Imran Chisty) 1, Kalki (Akshay Kumar) 2, Rolls Royce (Abhay Singh) 3 and Sopranos (P. Sai K) 4. Not run: Tiger Ruby. 2, Short Head and 11-3/4. 1m, 7.06s. ₹23 (w), 10, 12 and 11 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 22, SHW: 17 and 16, FP: 47, Q: 19, Tanala: 78. Favourite: Kalki.
Owners: Mr. Shankar Srinivas & Mrs. Smita Bajoria. Trainer: A. Imran Khan.

4. FATEH MAIDAN CLUB CUP (DIV. I) (1,600M): N R I TRIPLE POWER (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Gold Giver (Akshay K) 2, Sargent (H.M. Akshay) 3 and Sadiya (Kuldeep Jr.) 4. 5-1/2, 3-1/4 and 3. 1m, 42.18s. ₹11 (w), 10, 10 and 14 (p). SHP: 18, THP: 25, SHW: 10 and 11, FP: 21, Q: 18, Tanala: 25. Favourite: N R I Triple Power.
Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: D. Netto.

5. ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I) (1,100M): CRIMSON FLAME (Akshay Kumar) 1, Shadow Fax (Mukesh K) 2, High Reward (R.S. Jodha) 3 and High Heels (Sonu K) 4. Neck, 1-1/2 and 1. 1m, 8.12s. ₹20 (w), 19, 14 and 42 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 152, SHW: 10 and 39, FP: 85, Q: 81, Tanala: 825. Favourite: Crimson Flame.
Owner: Mr. Md. Sultan. Trainer: M.F. Ali Khan.

6. FATEH MAIDAN CLUB CUP (DIV. II) (1,600M): PERFECT LIGHT (B.R. Kumar) 1, Bhairava (P. Ajeeth K) 2, Desert Sultan (Gaurav) 3 and Caraxes (G. Naresh) 4. 2-1/4, 13-1/2 and Neck. 1m, 42.34s. ₹55 (w), 11, 10 and 13 (p). SHP: 45, THP: 26, SHW: 15 and 10, FP: 150, Q: 22, Tanala: 174. Favourite: Bhairava.
Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹1,700 (254 tkts.) & 30%: 148 (1,247 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: 493 (102 tkts.).
Treble: (i) 255 (103 tkts), 139 (288 tkts.).

MY BEST

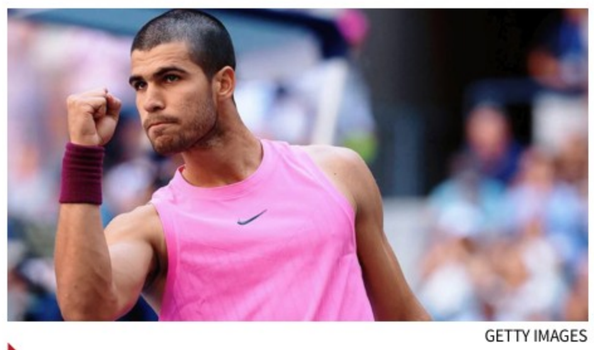
I gave everything I could, says Townsend after narrow loss

REUTERS

Taylor Townsend couldn't convert eight match points in a second set and was eliminated from the US Open on Sunday with a 1-6, 7-6 (13), 6-3 loss to Barbora Krejcikova. "I'm glad that I was able to win (the fans) over, for people to find out who I am, while playing some of my best tennis," Townsend said. "I gave everything that I could."

SPECIAL PLACE

My style of tennis suits the energy in New York, says Alcaraz



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I think my style of tennis suits pretty well the energy here in New York. The energy is special playing the day session, playing the night session. It doesn't matter, people are always there. I love it and I think that's why I play my best tennis here — Carlos Alcaraz after storming into the US Open quarterfinals.

CRUISE MODE

Atal, Zadran come good as Afghanistan powers past UAE

AFP

Sediqullah Atal (54) and Ibrahim Zadran (63) hit half-centuries to star in Afghanistan's 38-run win against UAE in a T20I tri-series match in Sharjah on Monday. **The scores:** Afghanistan 188/4 in 20 overs (Atal 54, Zadran 63) bt UAE 150/8 in 20 overs (Mohd. Waseem 67, Rahul Chopra 52 n.o., Ashraf 3/24. Rashid 3/21). **Toss:** UAE.

BOUNCING BACK

Yoddhas rally to steal thrilling victory against Pirates

K. R. DEEPAK

Patna Pirates suffered a defeat in its PKL-12 opener, losing 31-34 to UP Yoddhas in Visakhapatnam on Monday. Having been on the backfoot for most of the contest, Yoddhas found their mojo in the final 10 minutes to clinch a second straight victory. In the day's other match, Puneri Paltan outclassed Gujarat Giants 41-19.

Indians put 15 past hapless Kazakhs; China holds Japan, enters Super 4s

Holder Korea progresses after an emphatic win over Bangladesh; Anuar strikes five times as Malaysia thrashes Chinese Taipei, tops Pool-B

ASIA CUP

Uthra Ganesan
RAJGIR

A goal-fest was expected and it was duly delivered by the Indian men's hockey team in its final Asia Cup Pool-A outing against Kazakhstan, winning 15-0 at the Rajgir Sports Complex here on Monday.

After two tough matches, India had an easy outing against the 81st-ranked minnow and the host took full advantage of the occasion, starting from the very beginning and continuing till the very end to top the pool. Abhishek started the scoring in the fifth minute, unmarked and all alone at the top of the Kazakh circle to slam home a reverse hit, and completed it in the 59th.

India went into the first break 3-0 up, and by half-time it was 7-0, including three penalty corner conversions by three different players. In between Kazakhstan, the lowest-ranked side in the competition, also managed to earn two PCs but to no effect.

Playing its first match of the tournament in comparatively cooler if equally humid evening conditions under lights, India barely broke a sweat ahead of its Super 4s clash against defending champion Korea.

In the other Pool-A match, China completed the Super 4s line-up after a hard-fought draw with Japan to be tied on points but edging ahead to second spot on goal difference.

It was the first draw of the tournament and while China started with its usual pace and went 2-0 ahead, Japan clawed back in to the game in the second half. The last 10 minutes were all about Japan trying desperately to find the winner with waves of attack but China parked the bus in its circle with some brilliant defence to deny it.

Earlier in Pool-B, Akhimullah Anuar struck five times as Malaysia thrashed Chinese Taipei 15-0 to remain unbeaten on top and was joined by Korea, who beat Bangladesh 5-1, in Super 4s.

The results: Pool-A: China 2 (Changliang Lin 11, Yuanlin Lu 25) drew with Japan 2 (Kazumasa Matsumoto 28, 51); India 15 (Abhishek 5, 8, 20, 59, Sukhjeet Singh 15, 32, 38, Jugraj Singh 24, 31, 47, Harmanpreet Singh 26, Amit Rohidas 29, Rajinder Singh 32, Sanjay 54, Dilpreet Singh 55) bt Kazakhstan 0.

Pool-B: Korea 5 (Dain Son 9, 11, Seungwoo Lee 16, Seyong Oh 22, Jihun Yang 60) bt Bangladesh 1 (Shohanur Sobuj 22); Malaysia 15 (Akhimullah Anuar 10, 20, 29, 45, 56, Ashran Hamsani 8, 15, 32, 54, Norsyafiq Sumantri 20, 40, 60, Abu Kamal Azrai 22, Andywalfian Jeffrynus 24, Aiman Rozemi 32) bt Chinese Taipei 0.

Stroll in the park: India barely broke a sweat on Monday and will be confident going into the Super 4s match against defending champion Korea. R.V. MOORTHY

No pushover: India kept Iran at bay for large parts of the match. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India goes down fighting to Iran

CAFA NATIONS CUP

Press Trust of India
HISOR (TAJIKISTAN)

A gritty India fought hard for most part but let in two goals in the last seven minutes to eventually lose 0-3 to defending champion Iran in its second group match of the CAFA Nations Cup football tournament here on Monday.

The Indian defence largely remained compact and thwarted waves of Iranian attacks but failed to stop strikes from Amirhossein Hosseinzadeh (60th minute), Ali Alipourghara (89th) and Mehdi Taremi (90+6). Iran is ranked 20th in the world while India is currently at 133rd in the FIFA ranking.

Iranian head coach Amir Ghalenoei had arrived with a team that had a mix of veteran internationals and emerging talents from the Iranian Premier League.

India, which had beaten higher-ranked Tajikistan 2-1 on August 29, plays Afghanistan on September 4 in its final Group B match.

The top teams from each group will play each other in the final, while the two second-placed teams will face off in the third-place match, scheduled for September 8.

'PlayCom' Summit to put business of Indian sports in focus

Sports Bureau

The Hindu Group's *Sportstar* and global consulting firm KPMG will co-host the PlayCom: Business of Sports Summit 2025 on Sept. 12 and 13 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The two-day event aims to accelerate the professionalisation of India's sports industry and position it as a key driver in the country's $5 trillion economy vision. The Summit will bring together policymakers, league owners, investors, athletes, corporate leaders, and innovators to address a pressing challenge facing the Indian sports ecosystem.

Framed as a forum "where policy meets play and commerce meets competition," the Summit will feature keynote sessions, expert panels, case studies, fireside chats, and roundtables. The associated Expo will showcase cutting-edge solutions in sports technology, performance gear, athlete services and manufacturing.

The discussions will cover critical questions on sponsorship models, media rights, fan monetisation, women's sports, and the role of startups, with KPMG drawing on its global expertise in governance, technology, and financial sustainability.

Eminent speakers include Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Indian Olympic Association president P.T. Usha, Microsoft's Global Sports Innovation Lead Iris Cordoba, and Hari Ranjan Rao, Secretary of Sports, Govt. of India.

The Summit is brought to you by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu and Govt. of Punjab.

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Krejcikova pulls off a Houdini act; Alcaraz, Djokovic, Swiatek march on

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Unseeded Czech Barbora Krejcikova conjured a remarkable escape to oust Taylor Townsend, saving an incredible eight match points before digging out a 1-6, 7-6(13), 6-3 victory, to enter the quarterfinals of the US Open on Sunday.

Krejcikova fought off a match point on her own serve at 5-4 down in the second set, and then somehow survived seven match points in an enthralling tiebreaker to move on.

"What a match," said Krejcikova, who revealed she had wondered if she would ever play tennis again after missing the opening months of the season with a back injury.

"I was sidelined for six months and didn't know if I would ever play again. I'm super happy I can be here."

Krejcikova will face American fourth seed Jessica Pegula in the quarterfinals.

Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic motored into the quarterfinals as reigning women's champion Aryna Sabalenka kept her title defence firmly on track.

Five-time Grand Slam champion Alcaraz overpowered France's Arthur Rinderknech 7-6(3), 6-3, 6-4 and has not dropped a set to date at the championships. Alcaraz will face Czech 20th seed Jiri Lehecka in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Djokovic, 38, continued his latest bid for a record 25th Grand Slam singles title with a brisk 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 defeat of unseeded German Jan-Lennard Struff.

Djokovic faces a quarterfinal on Tuesday against fourth seed Taylor Fritz, the lone American man left in the draw.

In the women's draw, Sabalenka never looked troubled in a 6-1, 6-4 defeat of Moldova-born Spaniard Cristina Bucsa, ranked 95th in the world. Sabalenka has now reached the quarterfinals or better at 12 straight Grand Slam tournaments.

Sabalenka faces a quarterfinal against the Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova, the 2023 Wimbledon champion, who upset ninth seed Elena Rybakina 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

Swiatek has it easy

Laser-focused Iga Swiatek barely broke sweat as the former champion methodically dismantled 13th seed Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-3, 6-1 and booked her return to the quarterfinals on Monday.

The 24-year-old became the youngest woman to reach at least the quarterfinals of all four Grand Slams in a single season since 18-year-old Maria Sharapova managed the feat in 2005.

In the men's section, Felix Auger-Aliassime defeated Andrey Rublev 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 as the Canadian 25th seed reached his first Grand Slam quarterfinal in three years.

The results (fourth round):
Men: 8-de Minaur (Aus) bt Riedi (Sui) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1;
25-Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt 15-Rublev 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Women: 2-Swiatek (Pol) bt 13-Alexandrova 6-3, 6-1.
Doubles: Men: second round: Yuki & Venus (Nzl) bt Escobar (Ecu) & Reyes-Varela (Mex) 6-1, 7-5.
On Sunday (fourth round):
Men: 7-Djokovic (Srb) bt Struff (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; 4-Fritz (USA) bt 21-Machac (Cze) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; 20-Lehecka (Cze) bt Adrian Mannarino (Fra) 7-6(4), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; 2-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Rinderknech (Fra) 7-6(3), 6-3, 6-4.
Women: 1-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Bucsa (Esp) 6-1, 6-4; Vondrousova (Cze) bt 9-Rybakina (Kaz) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; Krejcikova (Cze) bt Townsend (USA) 1-6, 7-6(13), 6-3.
Doubles: Men: second round: Romboli (Bra) & Smith (Aus) bt Anirudh and Vijay Sundar 6-4, 6-3.

Incredible fightback: Krejcikova saved eight match points before getting past Townsend. GETTY IMAGES

Djokovic makes history with his quarterfinal entry

Reuters
NEW YORK

Novak Djokovic made history at the age of 38 on Sunday after his 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Jan-Lennard Struff in the US Open saw him become the oldest man to reach the quarterfinals at all four Grand Slams in a single season.

The victory also moves Djokovic into his 64th Grand Slam quarterfinal, extending his all-time record, and keeps alive his pursuit of a record 25th Major title.

Djokovic dominated from the opening game, breaking the 35-year-old German's serve six times during the 109-minute match. "I don't know how many more I'm going to have, so obviously each one is very special and I want to thank all you guys for being present here tonigh," Djokovic said after the victory at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Struff leaves the tournament with the second-highest ace count in the men's draw at 66 but he landed less than half of his first serves in the match and with his most potent weapon misfiring, Djokovic duly prospered.

The four-time Flushing Meadows champion was near untouchable on serve, firing 12 aces while winning 79% of first-serve points.

Business as usual: Djokovic made short work of Struff to sail into the last eight. GETTY IMAGES

INBRIEF

Liverpool signs Newcastle forward Alexander Isak

Premier League champion Liverpool has agreed to sign Alexander Isak from Newcastle United for a British record transfer fee on Monday. The Swedish forward is set to join the Reds for a deal worth around £130 million, according to reports by *The Athletic* and *The Telegraph*, among other outlets.

Leverkusen sacks ten Hag after two Bundesliga matches

Bayer Leverkusen has sacked manager Erik ten Hag after just two Bundesliga matches in charge, the club announced on Monday. Fired by Manchester United last October, ten Hag joined Leverkusen as the successor to Xabi Alonso, who moved to Real Madrid. "This decision was not easy for us. Nobody wanted to take this step," sporting director Simon Rolfes said.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs South Africa: 1st ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

US Open: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8.30 p.m.

T20 tri-series: Afghanistan vs Pakistan, FanCode, 8.30 p.m.

Ajitesh's century piles the misery on J&K

TNCA President's XI reaches 503 for seven at the end of day two as Andre and Ambrish chip in with half-centuries; Vanshaj injures his shoulder

BUCHI BABU

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

G. Ajitesh cracked his maiden tournament hundred (101, 162b, 14x4) as TNCA President's XI piled on 503 for seven on day two of the Buchi Babu semifinal versus Jammu & Kashmir at the CSK High Performance Centre here on Monday.

Ajitesh added 89 runs for the fifth-wicket stand with Andre Siddarth (57, 211b, 7x4), and 88 for the sixth-wicket union with left-hander R.S. Ambrish (62 batting, 133b, 3x4, 2x6).

The toiling J&K bowling unit was hamstrung as left-arm spinner Vanshaj Sharma hurt his bowling shoulder on the field just before lunch and did not return for the rest of the day.

Ajitesh's innings was remarkable for his strong back-foot play – 10 of his 14 fours came off the cut, late cut, and pull. He played the imperious aerial pull twice for a boundary each off left-arm tweaker Abid Mushtaq and off-spinner Kawalpreet Singh. He brought up his century with a back-foot cover drive for a four off Kawalpreet.

Ajitesh also paddle-swept for a four to the fine-leg off Mushtaq, and swept a ball from outside the off-stump for a boundary behind square off left-arm spinner Tazeem Tak.

Nimble: Ajitesh was particularly strong in his back-foot play. R. RAGU

While Andre lofted Vanshaj for a couple of fours down the ground, Ambrish tonked a couple of sixes off Mushtaq to long-on.

The scores (semifinals, day two): TNCA President's XI 503/7 in 180 overs (Vimal Khumar 112, Pradosh Ranjan Paul 91, Andre Siddarth 57, Ajitesh 101, Ambrish 62 batting) vs Jammu & Kashmir.

At IC-Guru Nanak Ground: Hyderabad 225 & 49/1 in 16 overs vs Haryana 208 in 79.3 overs (Himanshu Rana 75, Rohith Rayudu 5/63).

Riya balances power with precision admirably

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Riya Bhatia is a power player, who has learnt to be consistent. She is enjoying her tennis around the world. The results are showing. Her last tournament was the $60,000 ITF women's event in Amstetten, Austria.

The 27-year-old Riya qualified and reached the quarterfinals of singles. And in partnership with Michaela Bayerlova of Czechia, Riya made the doubles semifinals.

Finding a training slot for a fortnight with coach Aditya Sachdeva at the Roundglass Academy in Chandigarh, Riya could muster energy to reflect on her career.

"The best part of this journey is watching my game get stronger. The consistent progress in my fitness and skill levels is a huge motivation," said Riya.

"The career-best rank in doubles is a big milestone for me. It has taught me a lot about my game. The rankings may not reflect, but I am competing strong at higher level tournaments now," observed Riya.

"Adi sir has been a big influence on my career. He understands my game better than any other coach. I am also incredibly fortunate to be training at the Roundglass Academy."

"Representing India is the highest honour, and I would absolutely love to be a part of the national team.

"My job is to stay strong, keep working hard and keep performing at the highest level I can," she said.

Future goals: Riya is looking to make it into the national team and continue performing at the highest level. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mysuru monsoon racing season from September 4

Riaz Babu

The Mysuru monsoon season will be held between September 4 and October 26.

Briefing the media, G. Venkatesh, chairman & senior steward, Mysore Race Club, said the total advertised stakemoney for the season is ₹6,63,05,000, encompassing a distinguished array of the prestigious cups and trophies.

In addition to the existing performance incentives extended to owners, the club has announced further incentives exclusively for owners of the Mysuru-based horses in recognition of their continued commitment to sport. Furthermore, float subsidies for outstation horses shall be disbursed in accordance with the prevailing norms, reaffirming the club's dedication to equitable participation and excellence.

Race dates: Sept: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26.

Oct: 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 25, 26.

Ishaan, Arshi, Kiaan and Rivaan triumph

Champions all: Ishaan, Kiaan, Arshi and Rivaan Dev (sitting) with their reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Ishaan Madesh (Peregrine Racing) posted a big win in the finals of the senior category even as eight-year-old Arshi Gupta, the only female driver in the Micro Max grid completed a double, in the third round of the MECO-FMSCI National karting championships at the Madras International Karting Arena on Sunday.

The results (winners only): Senior Max: Finals (17 laps): Ishaan Maadesh (Bengaluru, Peregrine Racing) 16:46.234; **Junior Max: Finals (16 laps):** Kiaan Shah (Mumbai, Rayo Racing) 13:48.574; **Mini Max: Finals (14 laps):** Rivaan Dev Preetham (Chennai, MSPORT) 12:18.497; **Micro Max: Finals (12 laps):** Arshi Gupta (Faridabad, Leapfrog Racing) 11:01.246; **pre-Finals (12 laps):** Arshi 11:06.180.

SNAPSHOTS

Om Patel moves up
BENGALURU: Top seed Om Patel defeated Pranav Mahesh Saravanakumar 6-7(7), 6-4, 6-2 in the boys' round-of-32 of the KSLTA ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors on Monday. In the girls' singles, fifth seed Aahan registered a 6-1, 6-4 win over Karthika Padmakumar.

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Swastic Union (2) has it easy
Swastic Union (2) defeated Young Lions Club by nine wickets in the round-of-16 of the KSCA inter-club under-16 tournament.
The scores: Round-of-16: Young Lions Club 142/7 in 43 overs (Praful Sai 4/15) lost to Swastic Union (2) 142/1 in 28 overs (R. Shiv 63 n.o., Rehan Mohammed 52 n.o.). *Overs reduced due to wet outfield.*
Rajajinagar Cricketers 167 in 43.5 overs (Purushotham Raghu 51, Mahesh Hiremath 3/36) lost to Vijaya 168/1 in 22.5 overs (S.J. Aadharsh 67, Dhruv Krishnan 69 n.o.).
Vultures 257/8 in 50 overs (Atharv Malviya 76, Arnav Mishra 45) bt Engrades 130 in 32.3 overs (G.V. Rahul 32, Mudassir 49, Jayanth Gowda 3/25, Manikanth Shivanand 3/10).
Dooravani Cricketers (1) 143 in 46 overs (D. Chiranth 3/37, S. Leshan 3/35) bt Palar 104 in 37.2 overs (D. Chiranth 43, K. Sushanth 3/21, Aditya Shahapurkar 4/23, K.S. Sachin 3/19).
Bharath 143 in 47.1 overs (Akash Kulkarni 51, Susheel Udupi 3/20) lost to Bangalore SC 147/2 in 18.2 overs (Vaasav Venkatesh 74, Prateekh Nagaraj 38 n.o.).
Social Cricketers 101 in 48 overs (Pratyush Cyril 30) lost to Jawans 102/7 in 32.3 overs (Hakeem Puthige 56 n.o., Sri Bhagath 3/21).
Visweswarampuram (1) 105 in 36.3 overs (Shahan Shadab 31, B.R. Rathan 4/22) lost to Swastic Union (1) 106/6 in 26.3 overs (Nitish Arya 33).
Century Cricketers 227/2 in 50 overs (Vishal Garud 76 n.o., Sai Akhilesh 89 n.o.) bt Friends Union (2) 177 in 45.5 overs (Siddesh Asalkar 74, Sanket Shetty 4/31).

Registrations open for Bengaluru Midnight Marathon
The 18th edition of the Bengaluru Midnight Marathon (BMM) has opened registrations. Interested participants can register on www.midnightmarathon.in.
The BMM 2025 will be held at KTPO (Whitefield) on December 6.

Delhi to host World badminton c'ships in August 2026
NEW DELHI: The next edition of the World badminton championship will be staged here in August 2026.
The announcement was made during the closing ceremony of the current World championships in Paris in which R. Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty won the doubles bronze, their second in the championship.
Thanking the Badminton World Federation for bestowing the honour of hosting the Worlds on India, Badminton Association of India general secretary Sanjay Mishra said: "We assure that India will uphold and carry forward the same standards of excellence and grandeur that Paris has showcased."
India has won 15 medals in the Worlds.

Nagal enters second round

Sports Bureau

Sumit Nagal defeated Mili Poljicak of Croatia 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the €145,250 Challenger tennis tournament in Tulln (Austria) on Monday. In the pre-quarterfinals, Sumit will play Filip Cristian Jianu of Romania.

TPL to be held in Ahmedabad from Dec. 9

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MUMBAI

The seventh Tennis Premier League (TPL) will be held in Ahmedabad from December 9 to 14.

The eight-team competition will feature players with ATP rankings between 30 and 50 alongside Indians, including two-time Grand Slam winner Rohan Bopanna.

For the first time, the competition will be held outside Maharashtra.

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